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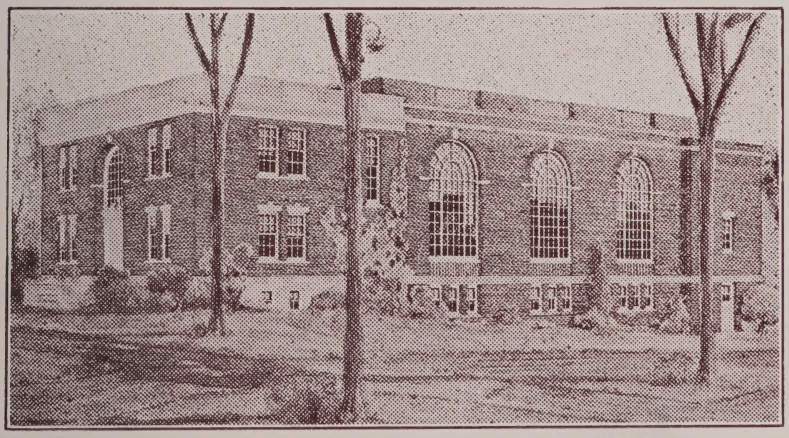

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WILLIAM F. HOEHN
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TOWN OFFICERS

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Moderator

George McEwan

Town Clerk

Josephine S. Haskell

Treasurer

Charles F. Slate

Selectmen

Ernest A. Parker, Chairman
George W. Carr
George H. Sheldon

Assessors

Fred S. Merrifield	Term expires 1949
Clifford A. Field	Term expires 1950
Ernest A. Parker	Term expires 1951

Tax Collector

Charles F. Slate

School Committee

Sidney H. Given	Term expires 1949
Irving J. Lawrence	Term expires 1950
Marian G. Billings	Term expires 1951

Library Trustees

Horace H. Morse	Term expires 1949
Mary G. Parker	Term expires 1949
Winthrop W. Sanderson	Term expires 1949
Mercy A. Brann	Term expires 1950
Luman A. Barber	Term expires 1950
C. Ina Merriman	Term expires 1951

Cemetery Commissioners

Carlton W. Holton	Term expires 1949
George N. Kidder	Term expires 1950
Glenn C. Billings	Term expires 1951

Tree Warden

John F. Field

Constables

Murray M. Hammond — Harry M. Haskell
Joseph G. Morgan — Martin E. Vorce

Planning Board

Fred I. Bolton 1949 — William E. Park 1950
Fred A. Holton 1951 — F. Wilton Dean 1952
Frank W. Williams 1953

Accountant

Fred H. Doolittle

Chief Fire Department

Charles L. Johnson

Superintendent of Roads

Ralph V. Gibson

Gypsy Moth Agent

Frank W. Anderson

Forest Fire Warden

Andrew Gray

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens

Hermon Fisher — Charles L. Johnson — Carlton Holton
Edward C. Bolton — Clifford L. Bolton
Lawrence Hammond

Public Weighers

George O. Dunnell — F. Myron Dunnell
Clarence H. Spaulding — Fred B. Kelly
Roy A. Barrows — Leonard Stebbins
Eben B. Janes

Inspection, Meat, Provisions and Slaughtering

Horace W. Bolton

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Harry M. Haskell

Cattle Inspector

Gilbert S. Hammond

Fence Viewers

Lucky O. Clapp — Lawrence M. Hammond

Carlton W. Holton

Surveyors Wood and Timber

James E. Dresser — Fred I. Bolton

Field Drivers

Joseph Smolen — Sidney H. Given, Jr.

Stanley Johnson — John Hurley

Dog Officer

Gilbert S. Hammond

Pound Keeper

Dr. George A. Bronson

Registrars of Voters

Harry L. Gingras — Charles L. Johnson

Lawrence M. Hammond

Finance Committee

Fred I. Bolton	Term expires 1949
Walter H. Hyde	Term expires 1949
A. Gordon Moody	Term expires 1950
Ross L. Spencer	Term expires 1950
William E. Park	Term expires 1951
Maude M. Montague	Term expires 1951

Selectmen's Report

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The Selectmen of the Town of Northfield submit the following reports of the various departments for the past year ending December 31, 1948.

With the funds voted at the last annual Town Meeting we have installed new curtains on the stage at the Town Hall.

Acting for the Board of Health, the Selectmen, with funds appropriated at the last annual Town Meeting, secured a permit from George O. Dunnell to maintain a town dump at the rear of his premises west of the Central Vermont Railroad tracks. It is hoped that the public will cooperate in the use of this dump.

Sixteen copies of "The Puritan Outpost" were presented to the Senior class of 1948, leaving at present a balance of 73 copies on hand.

The Board of Health again provided funds for the well-child clinic in June.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST A. PARKER,
GEORGE W. CARR,
GEORGE H. SHELDON,
Selectmen.

Town Clerk's Report

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VITAL STATISTICS

Is is extremely important that the Vital Statistic record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians, and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

Births Recorded in 1948

1947 December: Name	Parents
1—Clark, Stephen Anthony	Lloyd J. and Elizabeth L.
12—Dodenhoff, George Erwin	Charles A. and Esther E.
1948 January:	
8—Williams, Marjorie Grace	Ezra N. and Ellen O.
February:	
4—Farrar, Janice Marie	Laurence S. and Blanche A.
4—Farrar, Jerry	Laurence S. and Blanche A.
9—Deane, Carol Linda	Percy R. and Delphine E.
25—Mayberry, Deborah Helen	Paul M. and Elizabeth G.
March:	
7—Gould, Donald Raymond	Raymond C. and Ruth F.
10—Morey, Samuel Lee	Willard A. and Charlotte G.
11—Huber, Robert Lang	Robert L. and Eileen M.
17—Dresser, Charles Everett, Jr.	Charles E. and Lorraine J.
19—Briesmaster, Alice Emily	Harold A. and Natalie M.
April:	
12—Black, Beverly Ruth	Wayne A. and Addie B.
19—Casey, Kathleen	George and Betty
May:	
14—Clough, Marilyn Lou	Charles R. and Helen E.

Date	Name	Parents
June:		
2—	Given, Martin Gehring	Sidney H. Jr., and Phyllis E.
15—	Smolen, David Allan	Stanley J. and Margaret D.
27—	Way, Andre' Jean	Norman E. and Jasqueline E.
27—	Browning, Daniel Herman	Homer F. Jr., and Ethel R.
July:		
2—	Gravel, Brenda Ann	Daniel Mose and Olivette E.
7—	Caron, James Alfred	Fernand A. and Agnes
15—	Bartus, Joseph Michael	Joseph J. and Doris M.
28—	Sanborn, Carolyn Jane	Clarence E. and Marjorie V.
31—	Goodwin, Kathryn Judd	James and Shirley E.
August:		
1—	Nelson, Constance	William A. and Ruth
17—	Brassor, Virginia	Edmond W. and Barbara
27—	Holloway, Gwendolyn	Windom E. and Carolyn
31—	Nimmons, Ellen Mary	Russell T. and Blanche M.
September:		
13—	Wilson, Jeffrey Arthur	Alfred H. and Jean H.
October:		
6—	Barber, Drinda Lee	Erwin L. and Marion E.
18—	Lombard, Linda Jean	George R. and Margaret R.
30—	Dreselly, Carol Isabel	Richard and Elizabeth M.
December:		
11—	Holton, Cheryl Ann	Joseph W. and Karlene
13—	Huber, Gail Ann	William C. and Catherine
17—	Chapin, Robalee	Robert R. and Martha
—	Kavanaughm, Gerald Francis	Philip E. and Helen E.

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Marriages Recorded in 1948

Date	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage
January:			
1—	Bosworth, Myron Atkinson	Springfield, Mass.	
	Steele, Evelyn Rosalie (Main)	Longmeadow, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
3—	Stratford, Henry Stanley	Leverett, Mass.	
	Billings, Beverly Arlene	Northfield, Mass.	
			Leverett, Mass.

Date	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage
24—	Collis, Lewis Jacob	Hinsdale, N. H.	
	Matosky, Esther Stefanie (Dymersky)	Northfield, Mass.	Montague, Mass.
March:			
26—	Smith, Carleton	Northfield, Mass.	
	LaPlante, Donna	Northfield, Mass.	Williamsville, Vt.
April:			
11—	Bolton, Arthur Hiram	Northfield, Mass.	
	Phelps, Elizabeth Louise	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
May:			
1—	Wilson, Daniel Russell	Deerfield, Mass.	
	Howard, Helen Dorothy	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
8—	Gerstel, Rudolph William	Greenfield, Mass.	
	Carpenter, Constance Annette	Northfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
13—	McCassie, Elbert Winfield, Jr.	Northfield, Mass.	
	Slaght, Ruth Mary	Northfield, Mass.	Winchester, N. H.
29—	Butynski, George Joseph	Northfield, Mass.	
	Farrell, Elizabeth Ruth	Greenfield, Mass.	Greenfield, Mass.
June:			
5—	Hamilton, Charles Emerson	Heath, Mass.	
	Andrew, Helen Louise	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
10—	Lively, Alfred John	Shelburne Falls, Mass.	
	Jurkowski, Beatrice Mary	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
26—	Fletcher, Charles G.	New York, N. Y.	
	Norman, Dora (Mantel)	Uxbridge, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.
July:			
4—	O'Keefe, Daniel James	Northfield, Mass.	
	Cochrane, May Elizabeth	East Bridgewater, Mass.	Whitman, Mass.
10—	Greenwood, Calvin Derby	Northfield, Mass.	
	Rikert, Ruth Elaine	Northfield, Mass.	Northfield, Mass.

Date	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage
26—Gelback, Henry Herman		Beason, Ill.	
	Edson, Gladys Emily (Brown)	Northfield, Mass.	
			Vernon, Vt.
August:			
8—Marshall, George Edward		Northfield, Mass.	
	Pierson, Jean Lorraine	Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
28—Severinghaus, John Wendell		Montclair, N. J.	
	Peck, Elinor Ford	East Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
28—Boemig, Richard Frank		Greenfield, Mass.	
	Ladzinski, Mary Rita	Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
29—Miller, Robert Luckey		Northfield, Mass.	
	Brown, Alice Marjorie	Shelburne Falls, Mass.	
			Shelburne Falls, Mass.
30—Hale, Floyd Franklin		Northfield, Mass.	
	Roulx, Mabel Eunice	Northfield, Mass.	
			Winchester, N. H.
September:			
4—Skib, Allie		Vernon, Vt.	
	Cochrane, Jean Claire	Northfield, Mass.	
			Gill, Mass.
4—Holloway, Shirley Edward		Northfield, Mass.	
	Browning, Elizabeth Gertrude	Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
12—Tenney, Francis Raymond		Northfield, Mass.	
	Bolton, Barbara Phyllis	Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
18—Fisher, Francis Hermon		Northfield, Mass.	
	Sawin, Shirley Mae	Erving, Mass.	
			Leverett, Mass.
20—Park, Louis Edwin		Bernardston, Mass.	
	Garello, Jane (Nichols)	Turners Falls, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
October:			
2—Yetter, David Andrew		Greenfield, Mass.	
	Marshall, Lucretia Bell	Greenfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
9—Whitesell, Robert Randall		Baltimore, Md.	
	McEwan, Ruth Viola	E. Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.

Date	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage
22—Covey, Floyd Steven		Montague, Mass.	
	Hammond, Ethel Jeannette	Northfield, Mass.	
			Montague, (M. Fls.) Mass.
24—Churchill, Neil Winston		Northfield, Mass.	
	Deane, Norma Emogene	Bernardston, Mass.	
			Bernardston, Mass.
30—Williams, Robert Louis		Northfield, Mass.	
	Wilson, Margaret Viola (Hart)	Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
30—Smith, Earl Newton		Northfield, Mass.	
	Pleasant, Thelma Mildred	Turners Falls, Mass.	
			Montague, Mass.
November:			
6—Mankowsky, Joseph Marion		Northfield, Mass.	
	Looney, Louise Ellen	Greenfield, Mass.	
			Greenfield, Mass.
7—Benoit, Wilfred Henry		Warwick, Mass.	
	Taylor, Emily Lucy (Hubbard)	Warwick, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
20—Whitney, Lawrence Delvey		Northfield, Mass.	
	Whitney, Alice Mary, (Legere)	Turners Falls, Mass.	
			Athol, Mass.
21 Dunnell, Floyd Myron, Jr.		Northfield, Mass.	
	Miller, Shirley Mae	Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
25—Barrows, Aaron Albert		Northfield, Mass.	
	Janes, Janet Mary	Northfield, Mass.	
			Northfield, Mass.
December:		Northfield, Mass.	
30—Bolton, Norman Irwin		Northfield, Mass.	
	Sibley, Jean Frances		Rowe, Mass.

Deaths Recorded in 1948

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
1947				
December:				
14—	Hodgen, Charles A.	75	2	22
18—	Wolf, Gustav	60	5	23
31—	Amsden, Margaret Ella	23 hrs. 30 min.		
1948				
January:				
8—	Stillborn			
30—	Stafford, Carrie	80	—	—
February:				
3—	Quinn, James	79	—	—
8—	Farrar, Jerry	—	3	—
10—	Slaght, Milo Coburn	77	—	5
17—	Evans, Frank Edson	66	10	4
March:				
2—	Day, George Allen	79	2	20
12—	Alexander, Nelson Dwight	80	1	29
20—	Lawrence, Eva Pease	60	5	—
April:				
7—	Starkey, Amy Tufts Slate	97	1	23
May:				
8—	Hatch, Grace Josephine Pitts	83	7	25
10—	Alexander, Clara Louise Baright	68	—	20
10—	Pike, Henrietta	73	—	—
11—	Buck, Clara Betsy Moody	77	5	—
24—	Holton, Mary E. Alexander	74	9	26
25—	Johnson, Mabel Kendall	60	1	20
25—	Anderson, Hilda E. Thankmor	69	—	29
31—	Babbitt, Edith C.	74	3	15
June:				
1—	Washer, Sarah Elena Putnam	74	3	10
July:				
2—	Holland, Cora May Dirth	86	1	12
10—	Carr, Robert Lyman	36	5	5
12—	Smith, Mary I. Mason	94	5	6
18—	Jacob, Anna S.	87	9	24
19—	Thompson, Elizabeth	83	3	8
25	Wilson, Walter G.	38	4	—
27—	McNeil, Julia Ann Smith	90	6	9

Date Name	Years	Months	Days
August:			
18—Bassett, Joseph Jr.	90	11	27
September:			
5—Laplante, Harold Lewis	52	—	26
15—Pfersick, Casper	70	9	20
17—Agard, John B.	76	4	28
19—Barry, Robert Peabody	71	3	5
20—Shaw, Myron Austin	79	8	30
22—Putnam, Herbert Leon	75	7	14
October:			
3—Field, Nellie Josephine Daley	53	4	20
6—Bazine, Anora A.	85	9	14
7—Billings, Erastus C.	86	2	24
10—O'Kelley, Annie Flynn	77	4	19
22—Bellows, Herbert	86	2	—
25—Cook, Annie McCandless Cook	84	8	14
27—Garfield, Frank Willis	71	9	21
November:			
12—Wright, Horace Kepler	62	6	2
14—Fay, Louisa Maria	76	10	3
20—Stillborn			
24—Willey, Anna May	66	8	8
December:			
14—Montague, Maud Merriman	65	5	1
17—Wood, Frank Volney	89	7	7
21—Gorham, Edson Gifford	89	9	22

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Dog Licenses Issued in 1948

Male Dogs	159
Female	22
Female (Spayed)	101
Special Kennel ($10.00)	5
Kennel ($25.00)	1
Military	0
Transfers	2
Total	290

Sporting Licenses Issued in 1948

Resident Fishing	110
Resident Hunting	101
Resident Sporting	141
Minor's and Women's Fishing	85
Resident Trapping License	1
Minor's Resident Trapping License	1
Special Non-Resident Fishing	10
Non-Resident Fishing	20
Non-Resident Hunting	7
Duplicates	6
Resident Citizens' Sporting (free)	35
Resident Citizens' Old Age Asst. Sporting (free)	2
Resident Citizens' Military (free)	1
Total	520

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Copy of the Votes Taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, February 2, 1948

Article 1. Voted to accept the several reports of the Town Officers as printed, with slight corrections.

Article 2. Ballots were cast for the various Town Officers and at the close of the polls it was determined that 487 ballots had been cast with the following results:

Town Clerk, 1 year	Josephine S. Haskell	455
Town Treasurer, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	458
Selectman, 3 years	Ernest A. Parker	442
Selectman, 2 years	George W. Carr	398
Selectman, 1 year	Homer F. Browning, Jr.	116
	William M. Marshall	120
	George H. Sheldon	214
Assessor, 3 years	Ernest A. Parker	442
Moderator, 1 year	George McEwan	404
School Committee, 3 years	Marian C. Billings	239
	Lillian G. Welles	239
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years	Glenn C. Billings	431
Library Trustees, 3 years	C. Ina Merriman	403
	Robert Bonner Jack	370
Library Trustee, 2 years	Luman A. Barber	423
Tree Warden, 1 year	John F. Field	400
Tax Collector, 1 year	Charles F. Slate	451

Constables at Large, 1 year	Paul Chamberlin	282
	Harry M. Haskell	322
	Joseph G. Morgan	306
	Martin E. Vorce	354
Constable, Res. Nfld. Farms, 1 yr.	Murray M. Hammond	434
Planning Board Member, 5 years	Frank W. Williams	391

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: Any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1948.

Article 4. Voted to empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town.

Article 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100. for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250. to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees.

Article 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,305.00 for lighting the streets.

Article 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for tools for highway work.

Article 9. Voted to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows:

Selectmen:	
Chairman of the Board	$300.00
Second member	300.00
Third member	300.00
Assessors:	
First member	250.00
Second member	250.00
Third member and clerk	750.00
Treasurer	600.00
Tax Collector	500.00
Town Clerk	400.00
School Committee:	
Chairman	75.00
Second member	75.00
Third member	75.00

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, necessary for salaries and other Town Charges:

Selectmen's Salary	$ 900.00
Selectmen's Expense account	150.00
Assessors' Salary	1,250.00
Assessors' Expense account	100.00
Treasurer's Salary	600.00
Treasurer's Expense account	175.00
Tax Collector's Salary	500.00
Tax Collector's Expense account	185.00
Town Clerk's Salary	400.00
Town Clerk's Expense account	80.00
School Committee's Salary	225.00
Town Accountant's Salary	700.00
Town Accountant's Expense account	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures' Salary	125.00
Sealer's Expense account	25.00
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00
Inspection of Animals	150.00
Dog Officer and Expense	75.00
Inspection Meat and Slaughtering	200.00
Public Health	500.00
Schools, which includes back bill of $67.00	60,297.00
(Vote was unanimous)	
Fire Department	1,700.00
Maintenance of Water Holes	200.00
Alexander Hall	175.00
Old Age Assistance	29,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,700.00
Department of Public Welfare	4,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,500.00
Road Machinery Fund	2,000.00
(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)	
Bridges	1,000.00
Election and Registration	800.00
Fire and Casualty Insurance	1,300.00
Interest Account	300.00
Town Hall Care	3,500.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Bonds and Damages	400.00
Town Clock and Fountain	150.00
Town Reports	600.00
Snow Removal	6,000.00
Public Safety	50.00

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,600.00 for the care and maintenance of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this amount to include the fines collected at the Library during the year, and the dog tax.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $850.00 to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 to pay the note due on the Grade School Building debt.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $700.00 to replace the worn draw curtains and install new back curtains on the stage in the Town Hall.

Article 15. Voted and lost. Counted vote 13 to 42.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,050.00 for the salary of a Public Health Nurse and Substitute Nurse.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for the Public Health Nurse's expense Account.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $350.00 for the expense of the Public Health Nurse's car.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for a checkwriter for the use of the Town Treasurer, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,075.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,875.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway repairs and improvements, and the sum of $14,625.00 to be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 22. Voted that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and that in addition, the sum of $3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored, upon its receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 23. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 highway maintenance, and in addition the sum of $1,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored, upon its receipt, to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Article 24. Voted to raise and appropriate $400.00 to be used in putting up railing.

Article 25. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $175.00 for Memorial Day Exercises, the same to be expended under the direction of the American Legion.

Article 26. Voted to appropriate the sum of $65.00 from the Cemetery Lot Fund, to be used in oiling the road in Center Cemetery.

Article 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to repair sidewalks.

Article 28. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $350.00 for Constables' pay and expense.

Article 29. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance and that the salary be $300.00 in accordance with Section 4A, Chapter 41, General Laws, and to raise and appropriate $300.00 for the same.

Article 30. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to be used in the purchase of fish to be liberated in the Town of Northfield under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 in addition to the appropriation under Article 10 for the purpose of increasing the insurance on Town buildings.

Article 32. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the purpose of construction of a new cement sidewalk on the east side of Main Street, continuing northward from the 1947 construction, if the abutters will pay one-half.

Article 33. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for hydrant service for fifteen hydrants, to be paid to the Northfield Water Company for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection.

Article 34. Voted to transfer the sum of $300.00 from Cemetery Lot Fund, to be used for surfacing a portion of the road in West Northfield Cemetery.

Article 35. Voted to transfer $3,400.00 from the Machinery Account to be used in trading for a new truck and the purchase of a snow plow.

Article 36. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the care of the athletic field, and to appoint George M. Leonard as Park Commissioner to serve one year, to have charge of the athletic field and playgrounds in the Town.

Article 37. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60.00 to purchase materials to paint the exterior of the former school house at District No. 3.

Article 38. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles.

Articles 39. Voted to transfer from Overlay Reserve, the sum of $2,000.00 for a reserve fund for the current year.

Article 40. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $21.00 to erect and maintain one street light on Birnam Road between Warwick Ave. and the bridge over Mill Brook.

Article 41. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $21.00 to erect and maintain one street light at such a point between the intersection of Old Northfield Farms Road and Ferry Road, and the intersection of Ferry Road and River Road as the Selectmen may determine.

Article 42. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used in making necessary repairs on discontinued school buildings.

Article 43. Voted to transfer the sum of $18,000.00 from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate.

Article 44. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a trustee of the Martha W. Alexander fund to take the place of the late Charles L. Gilbert, and to accept the recommendation that Laurence M. Hammond be appointed.

Article 45. Voted to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of $22.80, the same to be added by the Assessors to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate.

Article 46. Voted that the report of the committee to investigate plans for a new fire house be accepted as read and that the present committee be continued for another year, and that they be authorized to study location and plans and report at the next annual town meeting or sooner if necessary.

Article 47. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for the use of the Fire House Committee to further investigate sites and plans for a new fire house.

Article 48. Voted to accept the report of the Town Garage Committee, and to continue the committee another year to report at the next annual town meeting or sooner if necessary.

Article 49. Voted to accept from Miss Caroline B. Lane, the sum of $150.00 as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 215 in West Northfield Cemetery.

Article 50. Voted to accept the sum of $100.00 from Mrs. Anna Bell McMillan as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of Lot No. 12½ in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 51. Voted to accept the sum of $200.00, the legacy bequeathed by S. E. K. Priest, as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of S. E. K. Priest's part of the burial lot in the West Northfield Cemetery; and that the $19.85 accumulated interest be also used for the perpetual care of S. E. K. Priest's part of this lot.

Article 52. Voted to accept the sum of $100.00 from William G. Slate as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of the Lot No. 122 in Northfield Farms Cemetery.

Article 53. Voted to accept the sum of $200.00 from Charles T. Sibley as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of Lot No. 36 in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 54. Voted to accept the sum of $100.00 from Maximillian S. Hachita as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of Lot No. 9 in Center Cemetery.

Article 55. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 to secure preliminary plans for the proposed Memorial Gymnasium and Auditorium, the same to be expended under the direction of the World War Community Building Plans Committee.

After reading of the Warrant by the Clerk, Rev. Joseph W. Reeves gave the invocation. Recess for dinner was declared at 12 o'clock and the meeting reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

The Moderator declared the appointment of William E. Parks and Mrs. Maude M. Montague as members of the Finance Committee to serve for three years.

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

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Copy of the action taken at the Special Town Meeting Election March 15, 1948.

Seven Hundred and fifty-nine ballots were cast with the following results:

School Committee Member for 3 years,

Marian C. Billings	450
Lillian G. Wells	308
Blanks	1

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

Copy of the Votes taken on the Articles in the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, November 29, 1948

Article 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 from Surplus Revenue and add the same to the Old Age Assistance Account.

Article 2. Voted to transfer the sum of $1,000.00 from the Department of Public Welfare Account, and add the same to the Old Age Assistance Account.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate the sum of $800.00 from Surplus Revenue and add the same to Aid to Dependent Children Account.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 from Surplus Revenue and add the same to the Snow Removal Account.

Article 5. Voted to transfer the sum of $500.00 from Machinery Account and add the same to the Machinery Fund Account.

Article 6. Voted to accept the sum of $100.00 from Roy R. Hatch as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of ½ lot No. 7½ in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Article 7. Voted to accept the sum of $100.00 from Elizabeth Otte Craft as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of ½ Lot No. 40 in the Center Cemetery.

Article 8. Voted to accept the sum of $100.00 from Cecil Wilson as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of ½ lot No. 146 in the West Northfield Cemetery.

Article 9. Voted to accept the sum of $200.00 from the estate of Charles L. Gilbert as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 158 in Northfield Farms Cemetery, known as the Lyman Gilbert Lot.

JOSEPHINE S. HASKELL, Town Clerk.

Town Treasurer's Report

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Balance January 1, 1848		$ 48,320.25
Receipts 1948		231,371.76
		$279,692.01
Payments per Warrants		$218,079.03
Cash on hand December 31, 1948	$ 1,032.36	
Franklin County Trust Co.	60,580.62	
	$ 61,612.98	
		$279,692.01

Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1948 per Statement		$ 66,880.46
Outstanding checks December 31, 1948 per list	$ 6,299.84	
Balance December 31, 1948 per check book	60,580.62	
		$ 66,880.46

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE,
Treasurer.

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Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

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Edward D. Priest and Others—West Northfield Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 3,170.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 7,170.00
On hand December 31, 1948	3,170.00	4,000.00	7,170.00
Receipts of Interest			163.71

J. W. Cowles Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 2,000.00		$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1948	2,000.00		2,000.00
Receipts of Interest			40.20

Calvin Stearns Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 500.00		$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1948	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest			10.05

Belcher Center School Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$1,050.00	$ 200.00	$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1948	1,050.00	200.00	1,250.00
Receipts of Interest			26.10

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1948	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest			45.10

Lottie Evans Charity Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 755.39		
Interest added to account	15.17		$ 770.56

George F. Morgan Charity Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 3,000.00		$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1948	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest			60.30

Surplus Revenue School Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 1,600.00		$ 1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1948	1,600.00		1,600.00
Receipts of Interest			32.16

Belcher Library Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 9,439.01	$ 300.00	$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1948	9,439.01	300.00	9,739.01
Receipts of Interest			197.15

Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 3,000.00		$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1948	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest			60.30

Mary H. Callender Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 500.00		$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1948	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest			10.05

Post-War Rehabilitation Fund

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948	$ 912.39	$10,000.00	$10,912.39
Receipts of Interest on Securities	250.00		
Receipts of Interest on Savings Deposits	17.27		
On hand December 31, 1948	$ 1,179.66	$ 10,000.00	$11,179.66

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

	Savings Deposits	*Securities*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948			$11,364.75
On hand December 31, 1948			12,364.75
Receipts of Interest	$ 232.82		
Receipts of Bequests	1,000.00		1,232.82
Deposited in Savings Bank	$ 600.00		
To be deposited in Savings Bank	400.00		
Interest transferred to Town	232.82		$ 1,232.82

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LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Center Cemetery	
Augustus W. Holton	$100.00
Carpenter Winchester	100.00
Thomas R. Callender	50.00
John E. Nye	100.00
Clinton A. Ware	150.00
George Hastings and Dr. Stratton White	100.00
Isaac Cook and Wright Stratton	100.00
John L. Mattoon	100.00
Sarah E. Minat	150.00
James Pickard	100.00
William R. Moody	100.00
Charles Alexander and Richard Colton	200.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00
James White	100.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00
Elijar Belding	125.00
Lucy M. Webster	500.00
Augustus L. Day	100.00
Charles Merriman and Cornelius Hilliard	300.00
Rose A. Holton	100.00
Maximilla S. Hatchita	100.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00
J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Andrew E. and Arthur H. Lyman	400.00
Edward B. Stearns	50.00
B. F. Field and Charles Pomeroy	100.00

Charles Osgood	300.00
Louis F. Bartlett	100.00
Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
John F. Rice	100.00
Hezekiah and Elizabeth Stratton	80.00
Hezekiah and Mollie Stratton	80.00
Rufus and Asenath Stratton	80.00
William H. Phelps	200.00
Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Bessie Severance	100.00
Lewis Fowler	50.00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00
Adeline W. Moody	100.00
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00
Samuel E. Walker	200.00
J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Albert S. Brigham	100.00
Mary L. Wright	125.00
Charles Blackmer	50.00
M. Bemis and Otis Field	50.00
Alvin Long	50.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00
George - Artemus - Marshall Nye	200.00
Johnson Fund	123.06
Cora B. Preston and Asa Holton	100.00
George C. Stebbins	50.00
Charles Stebbins	100.00
Levi Fay	150.00
Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Walter D. Crane	100.00

South Mountain Cemetery

Alice J. Bigelow	$100.00

West Northfield Cemetery

Cecil Wilson	$100.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00
George W. Snow	200.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00
"Pennock" Cemetery Fund	100.00
Cora B. Preston and Pitts W. Preston	100.00
S. E. K. Priest	200.00

Northfield Farms Cemetery

Leroy Weatherhead	$ 75.00
Oscar and Frank V. Wood	50.00
Rufus Stratton and Oren Darling	150.00
William H. Stratton	100.00
Asahel and Alner Sawyer	100.00
Elisha and Elihu Stratton	200.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00
Brigham Gage and David Clowes	100.00
Samuel Pratt	25.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00
Ada E. Chamberlain and Sarah Morgan	75.00
Charles C. Morgan	100.00
Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00
M. Maria Foss	200.00
Elisa Groves	51.69
Ritta R. Barrett	100.00
Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00
Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00
Larkin E. Fisher and Frank Lucy Ross	50.00
Henry W. Montague	200.00
James and William Merriam	100.00
S. W. and William G. Slate	100.00
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00

Mount Hermon Cemetery

Henry F. Cutler	$100.00
Horace F. Holton	100.00
L. Lormier Drury	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00

Tax Collector's Report

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Taxes 1946

Outstanding January 1, 1948		$ 5,381.16
Payments to Treasurer	$ 5,195.53	
Abatements	9.89	
Tax Titles taken	175.75	
		$ 5,381.16

Taxes 1947

Outstanding January 1, 1948		$ 15,890.04
Payments to Treasurer	$ 8,436.14	
Abatements	19.00	
Tax Titles taken	217.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	7,217.40	
		$ 15,890.04

Taxes 1948

Commitments per Warrants	$101,581.40	
Additional Commitments	28.00	
Abatements after payment refunded	11.50	
		$101,620.90
Payments to Treasurer	$ 85,352.33	
Abatements	719.25	
Added to Tax Titles	391.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	15,157.82	
		$101,620.90

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1947

Outstanding January 1, 1948	$ 1,837.08	
Additional Commitments	76.67	
Abatement after payment refunded	1.81	
		$ 1,915.56
Payments to Treasurer	$ 1,871.43	
Abatements	31.51	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	12.62	
		$ 1,915.56

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes 1948

Commitments per Warrants	$ 10,928.75	
Abatements after payment refunded	196.10	
		$ 11,124.85
Payments to Treasurer	$ 9,400.37	
Abatements	352.22	
Outstanding December 31, 1948	1,372.26	
		$ 11,124.85

Interest and Costs on Taxes Collected in 1948

Levy of 1946	$ 335.93		
Levy of 1947	197.47		
Levy of 1948	23.31		
		$ 556.71	
Motor Vehicle Excise Interest:			
Levy of 1947	$ 28.68		
Levy of 1948	38.16		
		$ 66.84	
Costs of Taxes:			
Levy of 1946	$ 14.90		
Levy of 1947	11.20		
Levy of 1948	5.60		
		$ 31.70	
Costs of Motor Vehicle Excise:			
Levy of 1947	$ 29.05		
Levy of 1948	9.10		
		$ 38.15	
			$ 693.40
Payments to Treasurer 1948:			
Interest	$ 623.55		
Costs	69.85		
			$ 693.40

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE,

Collector of Taxes.

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TAX TITLES

The town now has nine tax title accounts to the amount of $1,620.63.

Three of the accounts are in the hands of the town counsel for foreclosure.

FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The Franklin County Retirement System which was adopted by the town has 19 members.

Amount collected account of Retirement System from members in 1948	$ 697.90
Paid to Treasurer of Franklin County Retirement System	697.90

CHARLES F. SLATE,

Treasurer.

Town Accountant's Report

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In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending December 31, 1948, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town, January 1, 1949.

FRED H. DOOLITTLE,
Town Accountant.

ANALYSIS OF TREASURER'S RECEIPTS

Taxes for 1946	$ 5,195.53	
Taxes for 1947	8,398.64	
Taxes for 1948 (Poll)	1,078.00	
Taxes for 1948 (Personal)	10,859.75	
Taxes for 1948 (Real Estate)	73,452.08	
		$ 98,984.00
Tax Title		21.66
Motor Vehicle Excise for 1947	$ 1,871.43	
Motor Vehicle Excise for 1948	9,400.37	
		$ 11,271.80
From State		
Income Tax	$ 17,516.22	
Corporation Tax	5,937.59	
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes	194.19	
		$ 23,648.00
Licenses		
Selectmen	$ 100.00	
Health	20.00	
		$ 120.00
Dog License	$ 647.40	
Dog Officer	85.00	
Withholding Tax	4,711.87	
County Retirement	697.90	
		$ 6,142.17
From County		
Dog Fund	$ 415.36	
Dog Officer	85.00	
Highways - Chapter 90	2,000.00	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	500.00	
		$ 3,000.36

From State		
Highways Chapter 81 - 1947	$ 1,708.24	
Highways Chapter 90 - 1947	2,000.00	
Highways Chapter 81 - 1948	14,502.32	
Highways Chapter 90 - 1948	2,000.00	
Maintenance Chap. 90 - 1948	500.00	
Schools	7,214.86	
Schools, Vocational	919.85	
Union Superintendent	676.67	
Tuition and Transportation	706.46	
Meal Tax	1,213.02	
Public Service	987.18	
Inspection of Animals	97.32	
		$ 32,525.95

Protection of Persons and Property

Sealer's Fees	$ 39.19	
Fire Department	80.50	
		$ 119.69

Health

Nurse Fees	$ 298.45	
		$ 298.45

Charities

State A. D. C.	$ 2,465.62	
State O. A. A.	21,364.52	
Other Towns	687.22	
U. S. Grant, A. D. C.	2,026.07	
U. S. Grant, A. D. C. Adms.	15.70	
U. S. Grant, O. A. A.	19,928.88	
Veterans Service	54.00	
		$ 46,542.01

Schools

Tuition and Transportation	$ 312.00	
		$ 312.00

Unclassified

Collector's Costs	$ 69.85	
Town Hall Rent	319.42	
Alexander Hall, Rent	18.00	
Library Fines	149.65	
Machinery Account	3,922.00	
Sidewalk Construction	180.12	
Youth Hostel	172.80	
Sale of Snow Plow and Stove	205.00	
		$ 5,036.84

Interest

Interest on		
Deferred Taxes	$ 619.46	
George F. Morgan Fund	60.60	
Elisha Alexander Fund	40.40	
Surplus Revenue	32.16	
Belcher School Fund	26.10	
Belcher Library Fund	197.15	
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund	60.30	
Cemetery Funds (Selectmen)	6.06	
Cemetery Funds (Treasurer)	501.67	
Callender Fund	10.05	
Stearns Fund	10.05	
Post War Fund	267.27	
Interest	17.27	
		$ 1,848.14

Cemeteries

Perpetual Care Funds	$ 1,000.00	
Sale of Lots	240.00	
		$ 1,240.00

Refunds

Schools	$ 9.85	
Car for Nurse	5.75	
Bounty	12.00	
Cemeteries	5.79	
Old Age Assistance	227.10	
Telephone	.10	
		$ 260.59
Total Cash Receipts for 1948		$231,371.76
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1948		48,320.25
		$279,692.01

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EXPENDITURES

Town Hall

Appropriation	$ 3,500.00	
Appropriation By Transfer	91.67	
Total Credit		$ 3,591.67

Payments

Com. of Public Safety	$ 5.00
F. M. Dunnell	1,272.85
Western Mass. Electric Co.	194.40
Northfield Water Co.	13.83
Charles F. Slate	1,500.00

Henry W. Hammond	27.70	
C. L. Johnson	3.75	
W. D. Miller	170.25	
Leavis & Bolton	133.44	
Edward C. Bolton	66.50	
Frank Anderson	18.00	
C. B. Dolge Co.	73.26	
Clark's Hardware	15.00	
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	3.78	
Charles F. Slate	4.79	
I. J. Halcomb Mfg. Co.	6.15	
Avery's Store	.26	
E. M. Gulow & Co., Inc.	13.65	
A. L. Goodrich	13.50	
Irish & Morgan	38.81	
		$ 3,591.67

Town Hall Curtains

Appropriation		$ 700.00
Payments		
Alcon	$ 700.00	$ 700.00

Town Hall Kitchen

Appropriation from 1947		$ 607.13
A. E. Holton	$ 20.00	
W. D. Miller	287.56	
Helen Stearns	11.98	
Northfield School For Girls	21.56	
	$ 341.10	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	266.03	
		$ 607.13

Selectmen

Appropriation		$ 900.00
Payments		
Ernest A. Parker	$ 300.00	
George W. Carr	300.00	
George H. Sheldon	300.00	
		$ 900.00

Selectmen's Expense Account

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Payments		
Selectmen's	$ 25.00	
County Selectmen's Association	6.00	
New Eng. Tel. & Tel.	26.40	
Johnson & Johnson	9.50	
Northfield Press	2.00	

Greenfield Recorder	6.81	
Ernest A. Parker	17.90	
George H. Sheldon	12.78	
Hobbs & Warren	6.44	
	$ 112.83	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	37.17	
		$ 150.00

Moderator and Counsel

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Payments		
Stoddard, Ball & Bartlett	$ 163.38	
George McEwan	15.00	
	$ 178.38	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	71.62	
		$ 250.00

Tax Collector

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Payments		
Charles F. Slate	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Tax Collector

(Expense Account)

Appropriation		$ 185.00
Payments		
Hobbs & Warren	$ 41.60	
Northfield Press	33.50	
Barre Gazette Press	18.60	
Johnson & Johnson	3.50	
Rand-Shaw Agency	5.00	
Charles F. Slate, postage	11.00	
M. C. Skilton, postage	68.10	
New Eng. Tel & Tel. Co.	.30	
Mass. Collector's Association	1.00	
	$ 182.60	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	2.40	
		$ 185.00

Treasurer

Appropriation		$ 600.00
Payments		
Charles F. Slate	$ 600.00	$ 600.00

Treasurer

(Expense Account)

Appropriation		$ 175.00
Payments		
M. C. Skilton	$ 74.96	
Lawrence Quinlan	10.00	
Charles F. Slate	19.80	
Hobbs & Warren	5.75	
The Bookstore	39.35	
C. H. Demond	3.60	
Franklin Co. Trust Co.	19.52	
Mass. Treasurer's Association	1.00	
	$ 173.98	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.02	
		$ 175.00

Treasurer

(Check Writer)

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
The Todd Co., Inc.	$ 98.25	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.75	
		$ 100.00

Town Clerk

Appropriation, Salary	$ 400.00	
Appropriation, Expense Account	80.00	
Total Credit		$ 480.00
Payments		
Josephine S. Haskell	$ 400.00	
Hobbs & Warren	38.95	
Robinson Seal Co.	3.61	
Johnson & Johnson	9.80	
Society of the Commonwealth	3.75	
Com. of Public Safety	.65	
Josephine S. Haskell	22.17	
	$ 478.93	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.07	
		$ 480.00

Election and Registration

Appropriation	$ 800.00	
Appropriation By Transfer	206.74	
Total Credit		$ 1,006.74

Payments

Registrars:		
C. L. Johnson	$ 110.00	
Harry Gingras	36.00	
Lawrence Hammond	111.00	
Robert Gingras, Sub.	75.00	
Josephine S. Haskell	48.35	
Wm. H. Dalton	51.75	
James Dale	51.75	
Willis K. Parker	27.00	
Frank Anderson	51.75	
Katherine Callaghan	51.75	
Daisy Holton	51.75	
Flora Abbey	51.75	
Helen Stearns	52.75	
Ralph Holton	40.25	
Edna T. Bistrek	15.50	
Robinson Seal Co.	15.72	
Johnson & Johnson	51.80	
E. A. Hall	81.87	
Northfield Press	30.00	
	$ 1,006.74	
		$ 1,006.74

Assessors and Clerk

Appropriation		$ 1,250.00
Payments		
Ernest A. Parker	$ 250.00	
Ernest A. Parker, Clerk	500.00	
Clifford A. Field	250.00	
Fred S. Merrifield	250.00	
		$ 1,250.00

Assessors and Clerk

(Expense Account)

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
Hobbs & Warren	$ 34.62	
Assessors' Association	6.00	
The Sauter Co.	11.50	
Valley Office Supply Co.	5.40	
The Stoneham Independent	1.00	
New England Tel. & Tel.	2.55	
Ernest A. Parker	9.85	

Fred S. Merrifield	2.00	
Clifford A. Field	2.00	
	$ 74.92	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	25.08	
		$ 100.00

Accountant

Appropriation, Salary	$ 700.00	
Appropriation, Expense	50.00	
Total Credit		$ 750.00
Payments		
F. H. Doolittle	$ 700.00	
C. H. Demond	7.39	
The Bookstore	11.15	
F. H. Doolittle	15.14	
	$ 733.68	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	16.32	
		$ 750.00

Fire Department

Appropriation		$ 1,700.00
Payments		
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	$ 77.88	
George Bronson	12.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	10.95	
F. M. Dunnell	169.73	
Morgan's Garage	72.59	
Jordan's Motor Sales	6.72	
Bill's Service Station	2.82	
Stearn's Garage	1.60	
Avery's Store	1.56	
American LaFrance Co.	24.12	
David Deane	397.24	
Colton's Insurance Agency	155.00	
Max W. Huber	34.56	
Northfield School For Girls	12.13	
Charles L. Johnson	146.16	
Andrew Gray	110.00	
Alfred Holton	21.00	
Edward Bolton	30.00	
Clifford Bolton	15.50	
Fred Bolton	16.00	
Francis Reed	8.00	
George Lombard	4.00	
Charles Browning, Jr.	30.50	
Willis Parker	8.00	
James Dale	17.50	

Joseph Morgan		24.50	
F. M. Dunnell, Jr.		18.00	
W. Sanderson		10.00	
Stanley Johnson		20.50	
Daniel O'Keefe		15.50	
Lee Sheldon		3.00	
Harrison Stacy		3.00	
15 Sundry Persons		32.00	
Grass Fire, (R. R.)		62.00	
	$	1,574.16	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		125.84	
			$ 1,700.00

Fire House Plans

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
Unexended aBlance to Revenue		$ 100.00

Water Holes

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Payments		
John Mackin Co.	$ 25.00	
Frank Anderson	32.00	
Richard Summers	32.00	
Norman Collier	12.80	
Calvin Kenney	25.60	
Frank Anderson, truck	25.00	
C. L. Johnson	12.00	
	$ 164.40	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	35.60	
		$ 200.00

Hydrant Service

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Payments		
Northfield Water Co.	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

Constable Pay

Appropriation		$ 350.00
Payments		
Martin E. Vorce	$ 67.72	
Harry M. Haskell	170.25	

Joseph G. Morgan	32.40	
Willis K. Parker	10.80	
M. M. Hammond	16.70	
	$ 297.87	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	5.23	
		$ 350.00

Dog Officer and Expense

Appropriation	$ 75.00	
Appropriation By Transfer	90.83	
Total Credit		$ 165.83
Payments		
Gilbert Hammond	165.83	165.83

Public Safety

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Payments		
Charles L. Johnson	$ 6.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	44.00	
		$ 50.00

Inspection of Animals

Appropriation	$ 150.00	
Appropriation By Transfer	34.64	
		$ 184.64
Payments		
Gilbert Hammond	184.64	$ 184.64

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Payments		
Harry M. Haskell	$ 125.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	25.00	
		$ 150.00

Inspection of Meat and Slaughter

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Payments		
Horace Bolton	$ 46.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	154.00	
		$ 200.00

Insurance

Appropriation		$ 2,800.00
Payments		
Arthur P. Fitt's Agency, (Casualty)	$ 357.75	
Arthur P. Fitt's Agency, (Fire)	725.98	

Colton's Insurance Agency	499.84	
Roy J. Fish Insurance Agency	998.51	
	$ 2582.08	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	217.92	
		$ 2,800.00

Gypsy Moth

Appropriation		$ 850.00
Payments		
B. F. Lawrence	$ 650.00	
Frank Anderson	140.70	
Richards Summers	38.00	
	$ 848.70	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.30	
		$ 850.00

Tree Warden

Appropriation		$ 250.00
Payments		
John Field	62.77	
Frank Anderson	130.00	
	$ 193.37	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	56.63	
		$ 250.00

Planting and Care of Trees

Appropriation for 1947		$ 111.39
Payments		
Balance to 1949		$ 111.39

Tax Title Foreclosure

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Payments		
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	$ 200.00	
		$ 200.00

Community Nurse and Substitute

Appropriation	$ 2,050.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	62.50	
Total Credit		$ 2,112.50
Payments		
Natalie G. Hurley	$ 1,137.50	
Barbara Mankowski	975.00	
		$ 2,112.50

Car for Community Nurse

Appropriation	$ 350.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	159.45	
Total Credit		$ 509.45
Payments		
Roy Fish	$ 99.04	
Charlotte Lord	24.00	
Spencer Bros.	320.82	
G. C. Buffam	21.10	
Stearns Garage	22.20	
Morgan's Garage	23.62	
Bill's Service Station	11.23	
Natalie Hurley	2.00	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	2.00	
Barbara Mankowsky	1.75	
		$ 509.45

Community Nurse

(Expense Account)

Appropriation		$ 50.00
Payments		
Natalie G. Hurley	$ 5.54	
Northfield Pharmacy	2.50	
	$ 8.04	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	41.96	
		$ 50.00

Health

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Payments		
Dr. F. W. Dean	$ 25.00	
Dr. Alexander S. Nadas	60.00	
Johnson & Johnson	3.50	
Stearns Garage	1.00	
Ralph V. Gibson	36.72	
Ernest Kenney	12.80	
Robert Strange	32.00	
Richard Strange	6.40	
Herbert Black	13.60	
Leon Randall	28.40	
Town Truck No. 4	13.60	
Town Truck No. 5	30.80	

Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	72.75	
J. S. Haskell (Vital Statistics)	146.00	
	$ 482.57	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	17.43	
		$ 500.00

Highways—Chapter 81

Appropriation:		
Town Share	$ 4,875.00	
State Share	14,625.00	
Transfer	15.00	
Total Credits		$ 19,515.00
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 1,144.43	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	780.00	
Ernest Kenney	748.80	
Robert Strange	792.00	
Joseph I. Billman	356.00	
Richard Summers	172.80	
Calvin Kenney	19.20	
C. L. Johnson	21.25	
Norman Collier	206.40	
Richard Strange	371.20	
Warren Whitney	378.40	
Richard Whitney	212.80	
Clinton Holton	332.00	
Kenneth Ruhl	318.60	
Kenneth Black	93.60	
Leon Randall	839.30	
Herbert Black	823.30	
		$ 7,590.08
Trucks and Supplies:		
Town Truck No. 4	$ 594.60	
Town Truck No. 5	818.20	
Town Truck No. 6	370.00	
Scraper	95.15	
Sander	49.30	
Fire Truck	10.00	
Herman Fisher, truck	520.30	
Herman Fisher, tractor	118.00	
Frank Anderson, truck	276.40	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	3,394.01	
Lake Asphalt Co.	1,651.68	
American Tar Co.	3,927.60	
New England Concrete Pipe Corp.	52.14	

State Prison Colony	24.00	
Max W. Huber	3.00	
S. Ruben & Sons	19.52	
Ralph Gibson, expense	2.10	
W. D. Miller	2.12	
	$ 19,513.20	
Unexpended Balance to Reserve Fund	1.80	
		$ 19,515.00

Highways—Chapter 90

Appropriation:		
Town Share	$ 1,000.00	
State Share	2,000.00	
County Share	1,000.00	
Total Credits		$ 4,000.00
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 369.60	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	214.40	
Ernest Kenney	179.20	
Robert Strange	166.40	
Leon Randall	276.30	
Herbert Black	261.90	
		$ 1,467.80
Trucks and Material:		
Town Truck No. 5	$ 307.00	
Town Truck No. 6	291.00	
Town Scraper	3.60	
Town Sander	4.00	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	420.60	
Northfield Sand & Gravel	701.95	
Frank W. Hance	237.45	
American Tar Co.	566.60	
		$ 2,532.20
		$ 4,000.00

Highways—Chapter 90, Maintenance

Appropriation:		
Town Share	$ 500.00	
State and County	1,000.00	
Total Credits		$ 1,500.00
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 45.60	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	20.80	
Ernest Kenney	14.40	

Robert Strange	33.60	
Richard Strange	25.60	
Warren Whitney	19.20	
Richard Whitney	12.80	
Norman Collier	19.20	
Richard Summers	19.20	
Clifford Holton	19.20	
Kenneth Ruhl	19.20	
Leon Randall	31.50	
Herbert Black	24.30	
		$ 304.60
Trucks and Material:		
Town Truck No. 4	$ 27.00	
Town Truck No. 5	35.00	
Town Sander	9.50	
Herman Fisher, truck	38.70	
Frank Anderson, truck	46.40	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	365.03	
American Tar Co.	673.77	
		$ 1,195.40
		$ 1,500.00

Parking Lot

Appropriation:		
By Transfer from Reserve Fund		$ 162.14
Payments		
Robert Strange, labor	$ 6.40	
Kenneth Ruhl, labor	6.40	
Leon Randall, labor	16.20	
Herman Fisher truck	4.30	
Frank Anderson	5.80	
American Tar Co.	64.21	
Lake Asphalt Co.	48.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	10.83	
		$ 162.14

Highway Tools

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
Sanborn & Stark	$ 5.50	
W. D. Miller	19.22	
Frank W. Hance	51.10	
Ernest Kenney	2.50	

Frank Anderson	4.00	
Irish & Morgan	3.00	
	$ 85.32	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	14.68	
		$ 100.00

Street Lights

Appropriation		$ 3,347.00
Payments		
Western Mass. Electric Co.	$ 3,302.51	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	144.49	
		$ 3,347.00

Snow Removal

Appropriation	$ 6,000.00	
By Transfer from Reserve Fund	188.27	
By Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,500.00	
Total Credit		$ 7,688.27
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 815.85	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	77.20	
Russell Fisher	86.40	
Robert Strange	164.00	
Calvin Kenney	44.80	
Norman Bolton	12.80	
Edward Fortier	25.60	
Richard Summers	16.00	
Ernest Kenney	140.80	
Leon Randall	729.40	
Herbert Black	748.20	
		$ 2,861.05
Machinery and Supplies:		
Town Truck No. 4	$ 486.20	
Town Truck No. 5	453.20	
Town Truck No. 6	87.00	
Sanding Machine	133.05	
Herman Fisher, truck	553.50	
Herman Fisher, tractor	146.00	
Fred Kelley, truck	27.00	
John F. Field, walks	447.25	
G. G. Bentley, walks	10.00	
Perkins-Eaton Mfg. Co.	17.25	
Frederick Strange	6.00	
E. F. Edson	76.60	

Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	248.95	
Spencer Bros.	154.98	
G. C. Buffam	81.97	
Stearn's Garage	209.44	
Hotel Northfield Garage	336.19	
Northfield School for Girls	84.71	
The Chemical Corp.	309.60	
Allied Steel Corp.	64.54	
W. D. Miller	2.12	
		$ 3,935.55
		$ 6,796.60
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		703.40
Unexpended Balance to Reserve Fund		188.27
		$ 7,688.27

Sidewalk Repairs

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 19.20	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	6.40	
Robert Strange	12.80	
Ernest Kenney	6.40	
Leon Randall	7.20	
Herbert Black	7.20	
		$ 59.20
Trucks and Supplies:		
Town Truck No. 5	$ 8.00	
Town Truck No. 6	8.00	
Lake Asphalt Co.	19.20	
		$ 35.20
		$ 94.40
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		5.60
		$ 100.00

Sidewalk Construction

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Payments		
Peter Yarmac	$ 1,000.00	
		$ 1,000.00

Bridges

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Supt.	$ 89.65	

Labor:		
Ernest Kenney	56.00	
Henry Bassett	43.20	
Robert Strange	19.20	
Herbert Black	62.60	
Leon Randall	73.60	
		$ 344.25
Trucks and Material:		
Town Truck No. 4	$ 3.40	
Town Truck No. 5	26.00	
Town Truck No. 6	42.00	
Henry Bassett	138.80	
G. G. Bentley	249.90	
Lake Asphalt Co.	28.80	
Herman Fisher	12.00	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	8.70	
Frank W. Hance	14.00	
		$ 523.60
		$ 867.85
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		132.15
		$ 1,000.00

Railings

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 72.32	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	6.40	
Ernest Kenney	25.60	
Robert Strange	51.20	
Joseph Billman, Jr.	25.60	
Leon Randall	47.60	
Herbert Black	6.80	
		$ 235.52
Trucks and Supplies:		
Town Truck No. 4	$ 1.70	
Town Truck No. 5	15.30	
Henry Bassett	33.75	
Andrew Plotczyk	10.50	
Smead Lumber Co.	90.00	
W. D. Miller	4.00	
		$ 155.25
		$ 390.77
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		9.23
		$ 400.00

New Town Truck and Plow

Appropriation:		
By Transfer from Machinery Account		$ 3,400.00
Payments		
Spencer Bros.	$ 2,602.78	
E. F. Edson Co.	745.00	
	$ 3,347.78	
Unexpended Balance to Mach. Acct.	52.22	
		$ 3.400.00

Road Machinery Fund

Appropriation:		
By Transfer from Machinery Account	$ 2,000.00	
By Transfer from Machinery Account	500.00	
By Transfer from Reserve Fund	58.92	
Total Credit		$ 2,558.92
Payments		
Stearns Garage	$ 959.84	
Spencer Bros.	1,049.56	
Colton's Insurance	232.37	
Hotel Garage	140.93	
Allied Steel	20.91	
Gordan Buffam	8.60	
Wilbur Podlinski	2.62	
Irish & Morgan	16.50	
G. N. Kidder	2.21	
W. D. Miller	1.08	
Unitarian Church	40.00	
Leon Randall	39.70	
Herbert Black	44.60	
		$ 2,558.92

Public Welfare

Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Payments		
Cash Payments	$ 2,982.22	
Payment by Transfer	1,000.00	
	$ 3,982.22	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	517.78	
		$ 4,500.00

Public Welfare Clerk

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Payments		
George W. Carr	$ 150.00	
		$ 150.00

P. W., A. D. C. and O. A. A. Administrator

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Payments		
George W. Carr	$ 2.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	297.50	
		$ 300.00

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	$ 5,700.00	
Special Appropriation	800.00	
Total Credit		$ 6,500.00
Payments		
Cash Payments	$ 6,452.58	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	47.42	
		$ 6,500.00

Aid to Dependent Children

(U. S. Grant)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 305.92	
Income for 1948	2,026.07	
Total Credit		$ 2,331.99
Payments		
Cash Payments	$ 1,860.79	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	471.20	
		$ 2,331.99

Aid to Dependent Children

(U. S. Grant Administrator)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 19.97	
Income for 1948	15.70	
Total Credit		$ 35.67
Payments		
George W. Carr	$ 27.50	
Balance to 1949	8.17	
		$ 35.67

O. A. A. Administrator

(U. S. Grant)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947		$ 635.82
Payments		
George W. Carr	$ 300.00	
George W. Carr, expense	3.57	

The Bookstore	.55	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	8.30	
	$ 312.42	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	323.40	
		$ 635.82

Old Age Assistance

(U. S. Grant)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 1,815.78	
Income for 1948	19,928.98	
Total Credit		$ 21,744.66
Payments		
Cash Payments	$ 21,727.82	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	16.84	
		$ 21,744.66

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	$ 29,000.00	
Appropriation, Special	1,000.00	
By Transfer	1,000.00	
Total Credits		$ 31,000.00
Payments		
Cash Payments	$ 31,000.00	
		$ 31,000.00

Soldier's Relief

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Payments		
Cash Payments	$ 865.85	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	634.15	
		$ 1,500.00

George F. Morgan Fund

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 136.83	
Income from 1948	60.30	
Total Credits		$ 197.13
Payments		
Cash Payment	$ 14.75	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	182.38	
		$ 197.13

Elisher Alexander Fund

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 152.16	
Income for 1948	40.40	
Total Credit		$ 192.56
Payments		
Unexpended Balance to 1949		$ 192.56

Schools

Appropriation		$ 60,297.00
Payments		
General:		
Superintendents		
Robert N. Taylor	$ 1,405.04	
F. Sumner Turner	200.57	
		$ 1,605.61
Clerks:		
Catherine Rickert	$ 266.87	
Marian Given	9.24	
Jean McComb	148.40	
Telephone	182.56	
Travel expense	78.41	
Nurses:		
Natalie Hurley	210.00	
Barbara Mankowsky	140.00	
School Physician	250.00	
School Census	18.00	
Music	200.00	
Penmanship	450.00	
		$ 1,953.48
Teachers' Salaries:		
George M. Leonard	$ 3,100.00	
M. Carleton Brown	2,520.00	
Evelyn G. Lawley	2,500.00	
Harold H. McLean	2,500.00	
Nellie Dearstyne	2,400.00	
Eleanor Merriam	2,140.00	
Dorothy Billings	1,200.00	
Rose Marie Marten	800.00	
Beryle Stimson	2,140.00	
Dorothy Totman	2,285.00	
Elizabeth G. Braley	2,100.00	
Mary E. Dalton	2,100.00	
Evelyn Parker	2,100.00	
Virginia S. Haack	2,100.00	
Elizabeth Hudson	1,680.00	

Ruth Bolton	2,089.50	
Ruth Stebbins	997.50	
Catherine Shekdon	77.00	
Alice Billings	203.00	
Evelyn Miller	7.00	
Catherine Livingston	7.00	
Mrs. Perley Smead	28.00	
Helen Stearns	14.00	
Eleanor Averill	21.00	
Edward Phippin	7.00	
		$ 35,116.00
Janitors' Supplies:		
Cascade Paper Co.	$ 88.36	
C. B. Dodge Co.	19.99	
Du-Ev Products	447.30	
George B. Baffin Co.	8.00	
G. N. Kidder	14.13	
W. D. Miller	69.41	
F. A. Irish	7.70	
Toxal Chemical & Mfg. Co.	12.00	
Power Equipment Co.	4.80	
Sanascent Co.	12.05	
University Extension	1.79	
		$ 685.53
Water and Current:		
Western Mass. Electric	$ 886.50	
Northfield Water Co.	159.08	
		$ 1,045.58
Janitors:		
Leo Fortier	$ 1,800.00	
Richard Whitney	262.90	
Edward Sczaua	20.75	
George M. Thompson	403.60	
Mrs. Fortier	96.20	
Frank Anderson	21.00	
		$ 2,604.45
Transportation:		
Northfield Hotel	$ 5,482.50	
James Dresser	1,255.00	
Robert Dumbreck	800.00	
Luman Barber	1,475.00	
		$ 9,012.50
Fuel:		
MacIntosh & Son	$ 103.25	
G. O. Dunnell	1,183.88	

John Mackin	1,976.04	
G. G. Bentley	15.00	
		$ 3,278.17
Vocational:		
Town of Greenfield	$ 1,541.90	
Domestic Science	58.15	
	$ 60,267.76	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	29.24	
		$ 60,297.00
Sundry Education:		
Lawrence Quinlan	$ 12.20	
Frank Anderson	121.50	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	14.66	
Clearing House	5.00	
Johnson & Johnson	19.93	
Public Safety	15.00	
C. H. Demond & Co.	22.00	
Robert N. Taylor	19.39	
F. Sumner Turner	.78	
Journal for Advance Financing for Public Schools	9.50	
The School Executive	6.00	
George Leonard	31.69	
Lewis M. Potts	16.00	
Century Signs	66.00	
Harold McLane	2.00	
Dorothy O. Totman	14.00	
Ruth Bolton	42.00	
Evelyn Parker	42.00	
Center School Funds	13.20	
Sundry Funds	41.65	
		$ 514.50
Repairs:		
C. H. Demond Co.	$ 16.01	
J. L. Hammitt Co.	2.13	
Lake Asphalt Co.	19.20	
W. D. Miller	284.80	
Edward C. Bolton	469.43	
Johnson Service Co.	48.85	
Power Equipment Co.	58.20	
Frank Anderson	39.00	
Nash Engineers	59.04	
Morgan's Garage	10.00	
Spencer Bros.	3.29	
		$ 1,009.95

New Equipment:		
Riverside Transfer	$ 7.00	
Power Equipment Co.	271.75	
Mass. Reformatory	43.18	
		$ 321.93
Sports Officers:		
John Gordon	$ 57.00	
Charles Gloski	6.00	
Joseph O'Kula	6.00	
Jeremiah Dwyer	5.00	
		$ 74.00

School Committee

Appropriation		$ 225.00
Payments		
Irving J. Lawrence	$ 75.00	
Sidney H. Given	75.00	
Marion C. Billings	75.00	
		$ 225.00

Paint and Material for No. 3 School

Appropriation		$ 60.00
Payments		
George N. Kidder	$ 59.44	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	.56	
		$ 60.00

Repair of Abandoned School

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
Leavis & Bolton	$ 53.00	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	47.00	
		$ 100.00

Planning Committee

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Payments		
Unexpended Balance to Revenue		$ 300.00

Belcher School Fund

Appropriation		
From Income		$ 52.20
Unexpended Balance to 1949		$ 52.20

Library

Appropriation		$ 3,600.00
Payments		
Mrs. Florence Phelps	$ 1,481.66	
Mrs. Stanley Bell	172.35	
Mrs. Warren Randall	156.39	
Mrs. Hesser Ruhl	48.30	

Lucy Eveleth	130.00	
Lewis Abbey	380.00	
Luman Barber	12.98	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	101.55	
F. M. Dunnell	397.45	
H. R. Huntting Co.	310.82	
O. H. Utly Co.	2.50	
American Library Association	5.00	
Geographic Publishing Co.	19.50	
Book of the Month Club	20.87	
Gaylord Bros. Inc.	5.95	
Idea-Plus Ink	25.12	
C. H. Demond Co.	68.20	
Durico Library Supplies	67.35	
J. S. Wesby & Sons	39.44	
C. R. Finch	13.50	
Shaw Press	8.75	
H. W. Wilson Co.	3.00	
Peter J. Sullivan	1.18	
Barrett & Baker	39.12	
Northfield Water Co.	6.00	
Leavis & Bolton	10.60	
Warren Randall	5.50	
W. D. Miller	51.82	
C. L. Johnson	4.77	
Aldrich N. Eng. Store	2.81	
Fiske & Strecker	.98	
Mrs. Florence Phelps	5.00	
	$ 3,598.46	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	1.54	
		$ 3,600.00

Belcher Library Fund

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 40.52	
From Income	193.40	
Total Credit		$ 233.92
Payments		
Mrs. Florence Phelps	$ 65.00	
Mrs. Hesser Ruhl	60.20	
Louis Abbey	35.00	
L. A. Barber	3.00	
Northfield Water Co.	6.00	
Western Mass. Electric Co.	6.77	
H. W. Wilson Co.	6.00	

The H. R. Huntting Co.	31.51	
C. H. Demond	.60	
W. D. Miller	1.71	
	$ 215.79	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	18.13	
		$ 233.92

C. P. Dickinson Book Fund

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 30.00	
From Income	30.60	
Total Credit		$ 60.60
Payments		
The H. R. Huntting Co.	$ 54.16	
Book of the Month Club	3.65	
	$ 57.81	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	2.79	
		$ 60.60

Northfield Farms Library

Appropriation		$ 100.00
Payments		
Norman Fowler, (Treas.)	$ 100.00	
		$ 100.00

Alexander Hall

Appropriation	$ 175.00	
By Transfer	37.73	
Total Credit		$ 212.73
Payments		
W. D. Miller	$ 37.93	
Du-Ev Products, Inc.	47.80	
A. L. Goodrich	7.00	
Leo Fortier	120.00	
		$ 212.73

Alexander Hall
(Auxiliary Lighting)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947		$ 250.00
Payments		
Alfred E. Holton	$ 183.80	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	66.20	
		$ 250.00

Memorial Day

Appropriation	$ 175.00	
By Transfer	19.15	
Total Credit		$ 194.15
Payments		
John Wilson Co.	$ 15.00	
B. F. Fitzgerald, Jr.	25.00	
Mrs. Emory Rickart	20.15	
Orange High School Band	25.00	
Gardiner Trans. Bus Co.	36.00	
Johnson & Johnson	8.50	
Clark's Sound Service	10.00	
Chapins Speciality Co.	27.00	
Mrs. Alice Kenney	27.50	
		$ 194.15

Town Clock and Fountain

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Payments		
Northfield Water Co.	$ 75.00	
C. L. Johnson	12.23	
Willis K. Parker	50.00	
	$ 137.23	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	12.77	
		$ 150.00

Athletic Field

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Payments		
Frank Anderson	$ 140.00	
George Leonard	14.75	
Richard Whitney	10.10	
Leland Black	18.00	
Walter Kenney	2.00	
	$ 184.85	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	15.15	
		$ 200.00

Fish for Town Streams

Appropriation		$ 200.00
Payments		
Berkley Hills Fish Farm	$ 200.00	
		$ 200.00

Town Reports

Appropriation	$ 600.00	
Appropriation by Transfer	29.54	
Total Credit		$ 629.54
Payments		
Northfield Press	$ 487.10	
E. A. Hall & Co. (Audit Report)	126.44	
E. A. Parker	16.10	
		$ 629.54

Bonds and Damage

Appropriation		$ 400.00
Payments		
Colton's Insurance Agency	$ 201.50	
Roy J. Fish Insurance	53.16	
Fox Auto Parts	17.50	
	$ 272.16	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	127.84	
		$ 400.00

Reserve Fund

Appropriation:		
By Transfer	$ 2,000.00	
Provisional Transfer	190.08	
Total Credit		$ 2,190.08
Payment by Transfer		
Town Hall	$ 91.67	
Election and Registration	206.74	
Dog Office	90.83	
Nurse	62.50	
Nurse, (Car Expense)	159.45	
Inspection of Animals	34.64	
Highway—Chapter 81	15.00	
Parking Lot	162.14	
Snow Removal	188.27	
Road Machinery Fund	58.92	
Alexander Hall	37.74	
Memorial Day	19.15	
Town Reports	29.54	
	$ 1,156.59	
Unexpended Balance to Overlay Reserve	1,033.49	
		$ 2,190.08

Cemeteries

Appropriation		$ 1,075.00
Payments		
George M. Thompson	$ 450.74	
Fred W. Chapman	139.30	
Ernest Kenney, Jr.	28.35	
Calvin Kenney	22.75	
Everett Davis	151.00	
Glenn Billings	51.20	
Kenneth Servine	6.40	
Robert Clough	7.75	
Stuart Hildreth	12.00	
Roger Billings	4.00	
		$ 873.49
W. D. Miller	$ 11.59	
Albert Anderson	24.90	
F. A. Irish	3.79	
G. N. Kidder	4.52	
Johnson and Johnson	4.80	
Lake Asphalt Co.	151.91	
		$ 201.51
		$ 1,075.00

Cemetery Trust Funds

(Center)

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 22.81	
From Income	258.48	
Total Credit		$ 281.29
Payments		
George M. Thompson	$ 40.81	
Everett Davis	67.13	
W. F. Hoehn	3.75	
Clark's Hardware	64.26	
Northfield Water Co.	12.00	
G. N. Kidder	3.67	
Central Vermont R. R.	5.00	
	$ 196.62	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	84.67	
		$ 281.29

Cemetery Oil

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 235.00	
Cemetery Lot Fund	65.00	
Total Credit		$ 300.00
Payments		
Ralph V. Gibson, Superintendent	$ 7.20	
Labor:		
Henry Bassett	$ 6.40	
Robert Strange	6.40	
Ernest Kenney	3.20	
Kenneth Ruhl	3.20	
Leon Randall	7.20	
Herbert Black	7.20	
		$ 40.80
Trucks and Supplies:		
Truck No. 5	$ 8.00	
Truck No. 6	8.00	
Sander	4.00	
Frank Anderson	23.20	
Lake Asphalt Co.	194.02	
Northfield Washed Sand & Gravel	21.98	
		$ 259.20
		$ 300.00

Northfield Farms Cemetery

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 32.62	
From Income	49.89	
Total Credit		$ 82.51
Payments		
Glenn Billings	$ 33.20	
Kenneth Servine	2.40	
Phillip Kavanaugh	3.20	
		$ 38.80
Frank Anderson	8.00	
Albert Anderson	3.00	
G. N. Kidder	27.05	
		$ 38.05
		76.85
Unexpended Balance to 1949		5.66
		$ 82.51

West Northfield Cemetery

Appropriation:		
Balance from 1947	$ 238.61	
From Income	199.36	
Total Credit		$ 437.97
Payments		
Carleton Holton	$ 54.00	
Alexander Higgins	32.00	
Clifford Holton	37.45	
Frank Anderson	116.20	
	$ 239.65	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	198.32	
		$ 437.97

West Northfield Cemetery Oil

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Payments		
Peter Yarmac	$ 300.00	
		$ 300.00

Mary Callender Fund

Appropriation from 1947	$ 145.17	
From Income	10.05	
Total Credit		$ 155.22
Payments		
George N. Kidder	$ 40.22	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	115.00	
		$ 155.22

Calvin Stearns Fund

Appropriation from 1947	$ 10.00	
From Income	10.05	
Total Credit		$ 20.05
Payments		
George N. Kidder	$ 12.05	
Unexpended Balance to 1949	8.00	
		$ 20.05

Interest

Appropriation		$ 300.00
Payments		
Merchant's National Bank of Boston	$ 202.50	
Unexpended Balance to Revenue	97.50	
		$ 300.00

Grade School Debt

Apppropriation		$ 4,500.00
Payments		
Merchant's National Bank of Boston	4,500.00	
		$ 4,500.00

RECAPITULATION

Total Appropriation, Payments and Unexpended Balances

	Payments	Appropriations	Balance
Selectmen's Expense	$ 112.83	$ 150.00	$ 37.17
Moderator and Counsel	178.38	250.00	71.62
Collector's Expense	182.60	185.00	2.40
Treasurer's Expense	173.98	175.00	1.02
Treasurer's Check Writer	98.25	100.00	1.75
Town Clerk and Expense	478.93	480.00	1.07
Assessors' and Clerk, Expense	74.92	100.00	25.08
Accountant and Expense	733.68	750.00	16.32
Fire Department	1,574.16	1,700.00	125.84
Fire House Plans	.....	100.00	100.00
Water Holes	164.40	200.00	35.60
Constable Pay	297.87	350.00	52.13
Public Safety	6.00	50.00	44.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	125.00	150.00	25.00
Inspection of Meat and Slaughter	46.00	200.00	154.00
Insurance	2,582.08	2,800.00	217.92
Gypsy Moth	848.70	850.00	1.30
Tree Warden	193.37	250.00	56.63
Tax Title Foreclosure	.....	200.00	200.00
Nurse, Expense	8.04	50.00	41.96
Health	482.57	500.00	17.43
Highway Tools	85.32	100.00	14.68
Snow Removal	6,796.60	7,688.27	703.40
Street Lights	3,202.51	3,347.00	144.49
Sidewalks, Repairs	94.40	100.00	5.60
Bridges	867.85	1,000.00	132.15
Railings	390.77	400.00	9.23
Public Welfare	3,982.22	4,500.00	517.78
P. W., A. D. C. and O. A. A. Adms	2.50	300.00	297.50
Aid to Dependent Children	6,452.58	6,500.00	47.42
Soldier's Relief	865.85	1,500.00	634.15

Schools	60,267.76	60,297.00	29.24
School No. 3	54.44	60.00	.56
Schools:			
Repairs of Abandoned Buildings	53.00	100.00	47.00
Plans	.....	300.00	300.00
Library	3,598.46	3,600.00	1.54
Alexander Hall (Lighting)	183.80	250.00	66.20
Town Clock and Fountain	137.23	150.00	12.77
Athletic Field	184.85	200.00	15.15
Bonds and Damage	272.16	400.00	127.84
Reserve Fund (To Overlay Reserve)	.....	1,053.48	.....
Interest	202.50	300.00	97.50
			$ 4,432.44
Town Hall	$ 3,591.67	$ 3,591.67	
Town Hall Curtains	700.00	700.00	
Collector	500.00	500.00	
Selectmen	900.00	900.00	
Treasurer	600.00	600.00	
Election and Registration	1,006.74	1,006.74	
Assessors and Clerk	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Hydrant Service	400.00	400.00	
Dog Officer	165.83	165.83	
Inspection of Animals	184.64	184.64	
Nurse and Substitute	2,112.50	2,112.50	
Nurse (Car Expense)	509.45	509.45	
Highways—Chapter 90	400.00	400.00	
Chapter 90, Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Parking Lot	162.14	162.14	
Sidewalk Construction	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Road Machinery Fund	2,558.92	2,558.92	
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00	150.00	
Old Age Assistance	31,000.00	31,000.00	
School Committee	225.00	225.00	
Northfield Farms Library	100.00	100.00	
Alexander Hall	212.74	212.74	
Memorial Day	194.15	194.15	
Fish for Town Streams	200.00	200.00	
Town Reports	629.54	629.54	
Cemeteries	1,075.00	1,075.00	
Center Cemetery (Oil)	300.00	300.00	
West Northfield, Cemetery Oil	300.00	300.00	
U. S. Bond Income	267.27	267.27	
School Debt	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Highways—81	19,513.20	19,515.00	1.80
Snow Removal	.....	.....	188.27
Unexpended Balance to Reserve Fund			$ 190.07

New Town Truck and Plow	3,347.78	3,400.00	.....
Unexpended Balance to Machinery Acct.			52.22
Town Hall Kitchen	341.10	607.13	266.03
Machinery Account	5,900.00	15,311.65	9,412.65
A. D. C. (U. S. Grant)	1,860.79	2,331.99	471.20
A. D. C. (U. S. Grant Administrator)	27.50	35.67	8.17
O. A. A. (U. S. Grant Administrator)	312.42	635.82	323.40
Old Age Assistance	21,727.82	21,744.66	16.84
George F. Morgan Fund	14.75	197.13	182.38
Elisha Alexander Fund	.....	192.56	192.56
Belcher School	.....	52.20	52.20
Cemetery Funds			
Center	196.82	281.29	84.47
Northfield Farms	76.85	82.51	5.66
West Northfield	239.65	437.97	198.32
Callender	40.22	155.22	115.00
Stearns	12.05	20.05	8.00
Library:			
Belcher Fund	215.79	237.67	21.88
C. P. Dickinson Book Fund	57.81	60.60	2.79
Planting and Care of Trees	.....	111.39	111.39
Unexpended Balance to 1949			$ 11,473.94

ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS

State Tax (Parks and Reservation)	$ 142.14
State Audit	62.07
County Tax	6,036.23
Veteran's Rehabilitation	655.15
County Retirement Board	414.97
Investment Funds	900.00
Dog Officer, (County)	85.00
Dog Licenses	639.00
Cost of Taxes	40.05
Witholding Tax	4,860.27
County Retirement	701.89
Income Rehabilitation Funds	267.27
Refunds	209.41
Total Payments	$218,079.57
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1948	61,612.44
	$279,692.01

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1948

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash,			$ 61,612.98
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1947:			
Poll	$ 4.00		
Personal	1,110.70		
Real Estate	6,102.70		
		$ 7,217.40	
Levy of 1948:			
Poll	$ 90.00		
Personal	1,879.25		
Real Estate	13,188.57		
		$ 15,157.82	
			$ 22,375.22
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:			
Levy of 1947		$ 12.62	
Levy of 1948		1,372.23	
			$ 1,384.85

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:			
Federal Taxes Withheld	$ 382.60		
Contributory Retirement Fund	116.94		
		$	499.54
Dog Licenses - Due County			10.20
Trust Fund Income:			
George F. Morgan Charity Fund	$ 182.38		
Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	192.56		
Belcher Center School Fund	52.20		
Belcher Library Fund	21.88		
Dickinson Library Book Fund	2.79		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	84.67		
Northfield Farms Cemetery Fund	5.66		
West Northfield Cemetery Fund	198.32		
Mary Callender Cemetery Fund	115.00		
Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	8.00		
		$	863,46
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds			400.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund			1,831.62
Sale of Real Estate			1,260.00
Old Age Assistance Recovery			100.00
Road aMchinery Fund			9,412.65
Tailings			3.50
Tax Collector's Costs			69.85

Timber Salvage Taxes:		
Levy of 1940	$ 1,109.33	
Levy of 1941	1,239.84	
Levy of 1942	1,239.84	
		$ 3,589.01
Tax Titles:		$ 1,621.63
Departmental		
Sidewalk Construction	$ 354.38	
Aid to Dependent Children	942.91	
Old Age Assistance	222.99	
Veterans' Benefits	272.30	
School	88.20	
		$ 1,880.78
State Aid to Highways:		$ 122.68
Underestimates:		
State Park and Reservations Tax	$ 20.85	
County Tax	793.89	
		$ 814.74
		$ 93,401.89

Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance	$ 16.84	
Administration	323.40	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance	$471.20	
Administration	8.17	
		$ 819.61
Unexpended Balances:		
Town Hall Kitchen	$ 266.03	
Planting and Care of Trees	111.39	
		$ 377.42
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus		2,780.42
Overlay Reserve for Abatements:		
Levy of 1947	$ 1,240.98	
Levy of 1948	3,074.28	
		$ 4,315.26
Revenue Reserve Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 1,384.85	
Timber Salvage	3,589.01	
Tax Tiltle	1,621.63	
Departmental	1,880.78	
State Aid to Highways	122.68	
		$ 8,598.95
Surplus Revenue		62,059.41
		$ 93,401.89

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$ 9,000.00	New School Building Loan	$ 9,000.00

TRUST and INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	$ 2,020.00
		Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund	8,781.51
Cash and Securities:		Lottie Evans Charity Funds	770.56
In custody of Treasurer	$ 55,473.98	George F. Morgan Charity Fund	3,000.00
In custody of Selectmen	2,323.00	Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00
In custody of Trustees	8,781.51	Belcher Center School Fund	1,250.00
		Belcher Library Fund	9,739.01
		Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund	3,000.00
		James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	500.00
		Mary Callender Cemetery Fund	500.00
		West Northfield Cemetery Fund	8,120.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	
		In custody of Treasurer √	11,814.75
		In custody of Selectmen	303.00
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	11,179.66
	$ 66,578.49		$ 66,578.49

√ Includes $400 in general treasury

Board of Assessors' Report

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For the Year Ending December 31, 1948

Value of Real Estate		$1,749,768.00
Value of Personal Estate		225,260.00
Rate per $1,000	$50.00	
Polls Assessed	669	
Motor Excise Commitment		10,928.75
Number of horses assessed	69	
Number of cattle assessed	1,055	
Number of swine assessed	10	
Number of goats assessed	23	
Number of fowl assessed	6,320	
Number of sheep assessed	6	

Appropriations

Appropriations from available funds, Feb. 2, 1948:	
Road Machinery fund from Machinery account	$ 2,000.00
Chapter 81 highway work from available funds	14,625.00
Chapter 90 construction from available funds	3,000.00
Chapter 90 maintenance from available funds	1,000.00
Oiling Center Cemetery roads from Cemetery Lots fund	65.00
Surfacing West Northfield Cemetery Road from Cemetery Lots fund	300.00
New town truck and snow plow from Machinery account	3,400.00
Reserve Fund from overlay reserve	2,000.00
Appropriations to be raised by taxation, Feb. 2, 1948:	
Northfield Farms Library	100.00
Tree Warden	250.00
Street lighting	3,305.00
Highway tools	100.00
Salaries and Town Charges:	
Selectmen's Salaries	900.00
Selectmen's Expense Account	150.00
Assessors' Salaries	1,250.00
Assessors' Expense Account	100.00
Treasurer's Salary	600.00

Treasurer's Expense Account	175.00
Tax Collector's Salary	500.00
Tax Collector's Expense Account	185.00
Town Clerk's Salary	400.00
Town Clerk's Expense Account	80.00
School Committee Salary	225.00
Town Accountant's Salary	700.00
Town Accountant's Expense Account	50.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	125.00
Sealer's Expense Account	25.00
Public Welfare Clerk	150.00
Inspector of Animals	150.00
Dog Officer and Expense	75.00
Inspection Meat and Slaughtering	200.00
Public Health	500.00
Schools	60,297.00
Fire Department	1,700.00
Maintenance water holes	200.00
Alexander Hall	175.00
Old Age Assistance	29,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	5,700.00
Department Public Welfare	4,500.00
Soldiers' Relief	1,500.00
Bridges	1,000.00
Election and Registration	800.00
Fire and Casualty Insurance	1,300.00
Interest Account	300.00
Town Hall care	3,500.00
Moderator and Counsel	250.00
Bonds and Damages	400.00
Town Clock and Fountain	150.00
Town Reports	600.00
Snow Removal	6,000.00
Public Safety	50.00
Dickinson Memorial Library	3,600.00
Gypsy Moth	850.00
Grade School building debt	4,500.00
Town Hall stage curtains	700.00
Public Health Nurse and substitute	2,050.00
Public Health Nurse's expense account	50.00
Town Treasurer's check writer	100.00
Cemeteries	1,075.00
Public Health Nurse's Car expense account	350.00
Chapter 81 Highway work	5,875.00
Chapter 90 construction	1,000.00
Chapter 90 maintenance	500.00

Railings	400.00	
Memorial Day	175.00	
Sidewalk repairs	100.00	
Constables' pay	350.00	
Salary, A.D.C. and O.A.A. Clerk	300.00	
Fish for liberating in Northfield	200.00	
Fire Insurance increase on Town Buildings	1,500.00	
Sidewalk construction	1,000.00	
Hydrant service	400.00	
Care athletic field	200.00	
Material to paint exterior No. 3 School Building	60.00	
Foreclosure cost, tax titles	200.00	
Street light at Birnam Road	21.00	
Street light Old Northfield Farms Road	21.00	
Repairs on discontinued school buildings	100.00	
Fire House committee investigation	100.00	
Gymnasium committee investigation	300.00	
Total appropriations		$ 179,184.00
State Parks and Reservations		121.29
State Audit of Municipal Accounts		62.07
Veterans' Service Center		655.05
County Tax		5,242.34
County Retirement System		414.97
Overlay		3,793.53
Gross amount to be raised		$189,473.25

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	$ 16,818.22
Corporation Taxes	5,022.52
Reimbursement—state owned land	188.61
Motor Vehicle and trailer excise	4,500.00
Licenses	75.00
Grants and Gifts	22.80
General Government	200.00
Health and Sanitation	400.00
Charities (other than federal grants for aid to dependent children)	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	16,000.00

Old Age tax (meals)	1,286.91	
Schools	8,000.00	
Libraries	100.00	
Interest on Taxes	400.00	
Overestimate on 1947 county tax	1,447.06	
Overestimate on 1947 State Parks and Reservations	32.73	
Tax rate reduction from surplus revenue	5,000.00	
Transfer from available funds	26,390.00	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		$ 87,883.85
Net Amount to be raised by taxation		$101,589.40
Poll tax	$ 1,338.00	
Personal Property Tax	12,763.00	
Real Estate Tax	87,488.40	
Total taxes levied on polls and property		$101,589.40

Respectfully submitted,

FRED S. MERRIFIELD
CLIFFORD A. FIELD
ERNEST A. PARKER

Assessors.

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Fire Chief and Forest Warden

During the year of 1948 the Fire Department responded to 25 calls from which there was very little damage or loss.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. JOHNSON,

Fire Chief.

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During the year ending December 31, 1948, there were two brush fires and one grass fire.

Five hundred and eighteen permits were given to burn.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW R. GRAY,

Forest Fire Warden.

FIRE STATION
WL962
WL961

Welfare Department Report

No. of General Relief Cases	7
No. of Aid to Dependent Children	6

Old Age Assistance

No. of Recipients January 1, 1948	65
No. received during year	16
No. closed during year	18
No. of Recipients Dec. 31, 1948	63

General Relief

Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Payments		
Cash	$ 1,170.60	
Irish & Morgan Store	222.10	
Morgan's N. E. Store	127.34	
Aldrich N. E. Store	394.43	
A. L. Morlock	32.56	
Northfield Pharmacy	183.07	
F. M. Dunnell	184.88	
Dr. W. F. Dodd	2.00	
Dr. L. R. Dame	15.00	
Dr. A. B True	81.00	
Drs. Thomas & Bennett	54.00	
Avery's Store	1.47	
J. C. Penney Co.	64.93	
A. H. Bolton	40.00	
George N. Kidder	99.00	
Farren Memorial Hospital	48.90	
Franklin County Hospital	99.64	
M. C. Brown	1.20	
H. E. Hamilton Co.	13.45	
Pomeroy & Williams Co.	12.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	2.15	
City of Springfield	15.00	
City of Worcester	72.50	
Commonwealth of Mass.	45.00	
Total		$ 2,982.22
Transfer to O. A. A.		1,000.00
Unexpended balance		517.78
		$ 4,500.00

Aid to Dependent Children

Appropriation	$ 5,700.00	
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	800.00	
U. S. Grant	2,331.99	
Total		$ 8,831.99
Payments		
Cash	$ 8,313.37	
Unexpended Balance	518.62	
		$ 8,831.99

Old Age Assistance

Appropriation	$ 29,000.00	
Transferred from Public Welfare	1,000.00	
Transferred from Surplus Revenue	1,000.00	
U. S. Grant	21,744.66	
Total		$ 52,744.66
Payments		
Cash	$ 51,793.52	
Town of Greenfield	74.88	
Town of Bernardston	535.63	
Town of Wakefield	44.20	
Town of Orange	152.00	
City of Boston	127.59	
Total	$ 52,727.82	
Unexpended Balance	16.84	
		$ 52,744.66

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. CARR,

Administrator, Board of Public Welfare.

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Dickinson Library Report

The Board of Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library for the year 1948 has consisted of the following members: Miss Ina C. Merriman, Chairman; Miss Mercy A. Brown, Mrs. Thomas Parker, Mr. Luman A. Barber, Dr. Robert Bonner Jack, Secretary (to August 2), Mr. Horace H. Morse, Secretary (from October 2), and Mr. Winthrop W. Sanderson (from November 6).

At the town meeting of February 2, Miss Merriman and Dr. Jack were re-elected members of the Board for three years and Mr. Barber was elected for two years to

fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Joseph W. Field. On August 2, the Board accepted with regret the resignation of Dr. Jack and instructed the Secretary pro tem to write to Dr. Jack a letter of appreciation which was spread upon the records.

The Board appointed Mr. Sanderson to serve in place of Dr. Jack until the next town meeting.

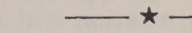
The Garden Club of Northfield, acting through Mr. Irving J. Lawrence, presented the Library with evergreen shrubs to decorate the grounds. Mrs. Eva Smart gave portraits of Mr. Horace Holton and his wife, Mrs. Polly Dickinson Holton. Dr. Wesley M. Baldwin of York Beach, Me., replaced an out-of-date copy of Gray's Anatomy with a recent edition. Mrs. Frank H. Montague gave an interesting collection of old music books. A number of persons have added from time to time to our bound volumes and certain departments of the United States Government as well as various private corporations have sent in valuable brochures. The list of donors of perodicals may be found in the Librarian's Report. There also may be found items which reveal how much unremitting labor and attention to detail are involved in making our Library so satisfactory an institution in our town.

For some years past the Trustees have been able to pay for urgent repairs on the Library building out of the general income, but the time has come when a special appropriation is needed for long-due up-keep and improvement. Delay now will mean a very large expenditure a few years hence.

Respectfully submitted,

C. INA MERRIMAN, Chairman
HORACE H. MORSE, Secretary
LUMAN A. BARBER
MARY G. PARKER
MERCY A. BRANN
WINTHROP W. SANDERSON

Librarian's Report



The total circulation for the year, 1948, shows an increase of 304 over the past year. This, in spite of the fact that we were without the service of the State Bookmobile for eight months in 1948.

Circulation 1947		Circulation 1948	
Books—adult fiction	8089	Books—adult fiction	9180
Books—adult non-fiction	1913	Books—adult non-fiction	1952
Books—juvenile fiction	4251	Books—juvenile fiction	3934
Books—juvenile non-fiction	1295	Books—juvenile non-fiction	1386
Periodicals—adults	1172	Periodicals—adult	1205
Periodicals—juvenile	132	Periodicals—juvenile	124
State Bookmobile books	1001	State Bookmobile books	395
Inter-library loan	88	Inter-library loan	69
	17941		18245

The total number of books added to the library, by gift and purchase is 481: by purchase, adult fiction, 155; adult non-fiction 44; juvenile fiction, 74; juvenile non-fiction, 8; gifts from friends, total 200: adult, 178; juvenile, 22.

As of January 1st, there are 822 resident registrations; 20 non-residents have registered during the year.

The sum of $144.85 has been paid in for fines on overdue books and periodicals during the year, which will become available for new books and other library expenses.

Total number of books lent to the library by the State Bookmobile is 267: adult books 205; juvenile, 62. Books circulated by this department, in other parts of town, 215; adult books 175; juvenile books, 40.

The State Bookmobile service was discontinued in September, 1947, and was not resumed until August, 1948, because of lack of State funds for a librarian. This service is greatly appreciated and we sincerely hope it will continue to function.

The work of recataloguing the library is going steadily ahead and now shows that a total of 6875 books have been fully catalogued; 2317 of this number have been done during the past year. Miss Lucy M. Eveleth, former librarian, again assisted with this work for about six weeks last summer, when a total of 710 books were recatalogued.

The historical rooms continue to be a source of interest to the townspeople as well as visitors. Seventy three persons have registered in the guest book since it was presented to the library; 41 during the past year.

Miss Maud Hamilton very kindly lent two of her collections for use as exhibits in the library; one of "Covered bridges in the United States" and one of "Churches of New England." Both exhibits proved of much interest locally and also to neighboring towns. A framed enlargement of the picture of the Old Northfield covered bridge has been secured and placed in the Museum with the Old Toll Bridge sign.

We take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Unto Hantunen, editors of the Northfield Press, for the generous space in their columns, given to the use of the library for special items and for listing new books.

The four upper classes in the High School have been given instruction by the librarians in the use of the card catalogue, the Dewey System of classification, and in the use of the Reader's Guide for periodicals. This was done in cooperation with the teachers as a part of the English course.

Mrs. Stanley Bell was obliged to leave her work as part-time assistant in June, because of the pressure of home duties. Mrs. Hesser Ruhl assisted in July and August; and in September, Mrs. Warren Randall, a former assistant, again took up the work.

The following persons gave periodicals to the library during the past year: Miss Mercy Brann, Mrs. Ann Cook, Dr. Robert B. Jack, Miss Ina Merriman, Mrs. Maud Montague, Miss Margaret Shields, Mrs. J. V. McNeil, Mrs. Martin E. Vorce.

Many people inquire as to what hours the library is open. The library is open afternoons, Tuesday through Saturday, from 1:00 to 8:00 p. m.; except Wednesday and Friday, when it closes at 6:00 p. m.

I wish to thank all who have helped in any way toward making our duties in the work of the library more pleasant; and the trustees for their understanding of our problems and their efforts toward better service to the citizens of Northfield.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. FLORENCE PHELPS,

Librarian.

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee was organized for the year 1948 with A. Gordon Moody as chairman and William E. Park as secretary.

All financial matters coming before the town have been considered and recommendations made.

Transfers from the reserve fund have been authorized as follows:

Town Hall	$ 91.67
Election and Registration	206.74
Dog Officer and Expense	90.83
Nurse	62.50
Nurse's Car Expense	159.45
Inspection of Animals	34.64
Highway Chapter 81	15.00
Parking Lot	162.14
Snow Removal	188.27
Road Machinery Fund	58.92
Alexander Hall	37.74
Memorial Day	19.15
Town Reports	29.54
	$1,156.59

Respectfully submitted,

A. GORDON MOODY,
ROSS L. SPENCER,
FRED I. BOLTON,
WALTER H. HYDE,
WILLIAM E. PARK,

Finance Committee.

Report of Public Health Nurse

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my report as Public Health Nurse from January 1948 through June 1948.

In the latter part of June there was a well child conference with Dr. Alexander Nadas, attending pediatrician present. There were 46 children seen at this clinic. Mrs. Horst, state nutritionist was present to give advice.

There also was the annual pre-school clinic in June with Dr. J. Wilton Dean attending physician at which time 41 children were examined.

Following is a summary of my work:

Chronic cases	327
Acute cases	67
Post partum	6

Health Supervision:

Infant	59	Tuberculosis	4
Adult	17	Transportation	52
Pre-school	54	Meetings attended	6
School	58	Fees collected	$178.95

Respectfully submitted,

NATALIE GOWEN HURLEY, R. N.

(per BARBARA MANKOWSKY, R. N.)

To the Selectmen and citizens of the town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my report as Public Health Nurse from July, 1948 through December, 1948.

This fall the Fortnightly Club has generously contributed $5.00 to purchase Cod Liver Capsules for distribution among worthy children.

In October the Red Cross Blood mobile unit came to Turners Falls and Northfield was asked to donate. There were 26 donors who willingly donated a pint of blood. Transportation was provided for a few people to Turners Falls.

In September, I was on duty at the Franklin County Fair for one day as all public health nurses of the County

gave some of their time in the First Aid Station.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Health Council in assisting me in many needs.

The following is a report of my work:

Chronic Cases	437
Acute Cases	84
Postnatal visits	8
Health Supervision:	
Infant	63
Adult	8
Preschool	2
School	73
Tuberculosis Cases	14
Transportation	90
Meetings Attended	3
Talks Given	3
Parents not at home	4
Fees Collected	$141.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA E. MANKOWSKY, R. N.

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

The various cemeteries have had the customary care during the year. The roads of Center Cemetery have had two coats of asphalt which makes a very good improvement. The hard surfaced road of cold patch in the West Northfield Cemetery is about half finished and so far has proved very satisfactory.

Received for the sale of lots:

Name	Cemetery	Lot Number	Price
William J. Thompson	Center	9¾	$ 25.00
Roy R. Hatch	Mt. Hermon	7½ (½ lot)	15.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	Center	40½ (½ lot)	15.00
Irving J. Lawrence	West Northfield	146½ (½ lot)	40.00
Milo C. Slaght Est.	Farms	24½	25.00
Lyle Amsden	West Northfield	131	25.00
Charles L. Johnson	West Northfield	116	25.00
Charles Jacobs Est.	Farms	89½	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Spring	Center	41½ (½ lot)	15.00
George W. Fay	Center	9¼	15.00
Mrs. N. D. Alexander	Center	40¾	15.00

Samuel W. Slate Est.	Farms	122		1.00
Robert D. Wert	West Northfield	159½		15.00
Paid to the Town of Northfield				$ 246.00
Care of Mrs. George L. Spofford Lot:				
January Received			$ 2.03	
July Received			2.03	
			$ 4.06	
Special Care Paid				$ 4.06
Special Care Stearns Lot:				
Special Care Paid			$ 12.05	
Received from Town				$ 12.05
Special Care of Minnie Callendar Fund Lot:				
Special Care Paid			$ 15.22	
One set of corner markers			25.00	
			$ 40.22	
Received from Town of Northfield				$ 40.22
Received for Perpetual Care:				
Lewis Hodus, Mt. Hermon Cemetery, Lot No. 31			$ 200.00	
Roy R. Hatch, Mt. Hermon Cemetery, Lot No. 7½			100.00	
Elizabeth P. Kraft, Center Cemetery, Lot No. 40¼			100.00	
			$ 400.00	
Paid Town of Northfield				$ 400.00

EXPENDED

Center, Mt. Hermon, Farms, North and South Mountain			
George M. Thompson	$ 28.00	Everett Davis	14.00
Fred Chapman	22.05	Everett Davis	20.00
George M. Thompson	33.95	George M. Thompson	13.60
Fred Chapman	33.60	George M. Thompson	12.80
Ernest Kenney, Jr.	28.35	George M. Thompson	12.80
Calvin Kenney	22.75	George M. Thompson	32.00
W. D. Miller	5.80	Everett Davis	16.00
Albert Anderson	20.90	Everett Davis	20.00
George M. Thompson	44.80	Clark Hardware	.75
Fred Chapman	44.80	Clark Hardware	1.50
George M. Thompson	16.80	George N. Kidder	3.67
George M. Thompson	20.30	Glenn Billings	8.00
Fred W. Chapman	16.45	Albert Anderson	3.00
George M. Thompson	37.10	Frank W. Anderson	8.00
George M. Thompson	33.60	Glenn C. Billings	9.60
George N. Kidder	4.52	George M. Thompson	20.20
Glenn Billings	33.60	Everett Davis	31.13
		Northfield Water Co.	12.00
		C. V. Railroad	5.00

Kenneth W. Sevene	6.40
Fred Chapman	16.80
Fred Chapman	5.60
George M. Thompson	16.80
George M. Thompson	24.00
Everett Davis	38.00
Glenn Billings	8.00
Robert E. Clough	7.75
George M. Thompson	58.40
F. A. Irish	3.79
George M. Thompson	25.60
Johnson & Johnson	4.80
Everett Davis	38.00
George M. Thompson	27.20
George M. Thompson	30.40
Everett Davis	21.00
Everett Davis	20.00
Roger W. Billings	4.00
Albert Anderson	4.00
Stuart Hildreth	12.00
Glenn Billings	9.60
W. M. Hoehn	3.75
George M. Thompson	3.20
George N. Kidder	27.05
Glenn Billings	6.80
Glenn Billings	8.80
Kenneth Sevene	2.40
Philip Kavanaugh	3.20
Clark Hardware	62.01
Balance Oiling Road	151.91
Total	$1,342.68

West Northfield Cemetery

A. W. Higgins	$ 16.00
A. W. Higgins	16.00
Frank Anderson	116.20
Clifford Holton	37.45
Carleton Holton	28.80
Carleton Holton	25.20
Total	$ 239.65

GEORGE N. KIDDER,
CARLTON W. HOLTON,
GLENN C. BILLINGS,
Cemetery Commissioners.

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Jury List

Abbott, Robert D.
Anderson, Frank W.
Avery, Fred G.
Barber, Luman A.
Bartus, Joseph J.
Bistrek, Stanley J.
Black, Julian O.
Briesmaster, Harold A.
Dale, James R.
Dresser, James E.
Dunnell, Leon H.
Eastman, Hubert J.
Fish, Roy J.
Hammond, Laurence M.
Hyde, Walter W.
Johnson, Stanley E.
Jordan, Paul G.
Mann, Philip M., Jr.
Miller, Carroll H.
Miner, Herman A.
Parker, Ernest A.
Parker, Willis K.
Olds, Charles B.
Spaulding, Clarence H.
Spencer, Ross L.
Szestowicki, Frank P.
Thompson, Paul B.

Report of Park Commission

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I herewith submit my report of the work done at the athletic field during the year, 1948.

During the spring, several loads of loam were applied to low areas on and around the baseball diamond. These areas were seeded, and nearly half the entire field was fertilized with cottonseed meal. The base paths were trimmed and graded, and the pitcher's mound built up. The fence at the edge of the field was fixed up, only to be knocked down again.

The major problem during the past year was finding people interested in mowing the grass. The usual source of supply was not available and there were times when the grass in the outfield was too high for playing baseball. Several people indicated a desire to mow the field, but none of the offers materialized satisfactorily. This same problem will have to be faced again this coming summer.

Mr. F. M. Dunnell donated a fine score board and had it erected on the west side of the field.

The old wooden bleachers which have been used for a number of years are now in very poor condition and should be replaced as soon as possible by something more portable and capable of accommodating more people. Prices are still high, but there is a question as to how much longer our present bleachers will last.

The banking on the west side of the field is still in a deplorable state. It should be trimmed and burned over. Gravel, ashes, or sand should be used to fill in and cover over the hurricane stumps.

It has been the occasional practise of a few unthinking individuals to use the athletic field and track as a race track for automobiles. Several times during the past year strips of grass were torn up and ruts made by those who might have used their time and gasoline in a more constructive way.

Other individuals fail to drive with necessary caution along the roadway or in and out of parking areas while attending baseball games. Several complaints were received by me from individuals attending games about these care-

less, reckless drivers. Steps are being taken to curb the activities of such persons during the coming year.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed time and energy to the improvement of the athletic field during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LEONARD,
Park Commissioner.

Report of Planning Board

Three meetings of the Planning Board were held during 1948 with Mr. Fred Holton acting as chairman. Mr. Holton and Dr. Dean also attended the regional meeting of the planning boards of Region 2 in Palmer in October.

A number of projects for the betterment of Northfield were discussed at our meetings and some investigation was done. Among the projects worked on were a possible town skating rink, and the straightening of the road to West Northfield over Schell bridge. The state engineers were consulted with regard to the Schell bridge road, and when money is available, such a project was thought feasible.

Town zoning, a popular subject for action with planning boards was thought inadvisable at this time for Northfield.

It was felt that before we could function in any real action as a planning board that we must have funds appropriated.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M.D.,
Secretary.

Report of School Department

ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1948

School Committee

Sidney H. Given, Chairman	Term expires 1949
Marion Billings	Term Expires 1951
Irving J. Lawrence	Term Expires 1950

Meetings of the School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Saturday of each month, except July and August, at 10:00 A. M. at the Superintendent's Office.

Superintendent of Schools

F. Summer Turner, A. B. M.Ed.
Office, Center School, Tel. 757

School Secretary

Jean McComb

Office Hours

School Days, 8:30 A. M. to 4 P. M.
School Vacations, 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M.D.

School Nurse

Barbara Mankowsky, R.N.
Tel. 970

School Calendar 1948-1949

1949-1950

Schools Open January 3, 1949	Close February 18, 1949
Schools Open February 28, 1949	Close April 14, 1949
Schools Open April 25, 1949	Close June 16, 1949
Schools Open September 7, 1949	Close December 22, 1949
Schools Open January 3, 1950	Close February 17, 1950

Report of School Superintendent

To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I am pleased to present herewith my first annual report dealing with the progress made within our school department during 1948. This is the 212th report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

Since it was November 20th when I assumed the duties of Superintendent in Union No. 22, a large part of this report must be statistical and based on information that I have taken from the files. Upon arrival, I found that Mr. Robert N. Taylor had left a well organized, efficient and wisely administered school system. Most of the educational problems had been given sound solutions and those not yet solved were being given careful and detailed study. The School Committee, Principals, Teachers and other personnel have been most cooperative and understanding in helping me to undertake the various duties of my position. It is my sole desire, that in the months to come, I may, by working with the townspeople of Northfield and the personnel of the entire school department, develop every potential situation to its greatest possibilities, so that every child in the Town of Northfield will receive the finest education it is possible for us to provide.

Teacher Changes

During the year the following teachers left our school system:

Mrs. Elizabeth L. Hudson — Moved to Hyannis.
Mrs. Eleanor M. Billings — To return to college.

The following appointments were made:

Mrs. Ruth R. Stebbins, B.S., Lowell Teachers College was appointed to teach Grade 2.

Miss Rose-Marie Marten, B.A., University of Massachusetts was appointed to teach Literature and English in the Northfield High School.

Mrs. Virginia Raymond, B.A., Boston University, College of Liberal Arts, was appointed Music Supervisor.

Other Personnel changes during the year:

Miss Catherine D. Rikert, Union Secretary in the Superintendent's Office resigned to accept a position in Mount Hermon School.

Miss Jean M. McComb, a graduate of Bernardston High School, was appointed Union Secretary.

Mrs. Natalie G. Hurley, School Nurse resigned to return to home duties.

Miss Barbara E. Mankowsky, R.N., graduate of Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts was appointed School Nurse.

Salary Schedule

A forward step in the building of an adequate teaching staff has been taken by the School Committee in the adoption of a salary schedule effective January 1949. This schedule was the result of long and careful study by the teachers and the School Committee. The schedule is of the preparational type, incorporated the better features of the other type of schedules. This salary schedule will, no doubt, result in a sounder financial policy, improve morale among teachers, give incentive for the professional growth of all teachers, and provide a more economical expenditure of the salary budget in relation to services rendered. One of the tremendous values of this schedule is that we can, by giving a prospective teacher a picture of her future status in Northfield, enduce better teachers to join our force.

School Problems

The matter of the shortened school day for the pupils of Grade one should receive further study. The shortened day was adopted on an experimental basis and in the light of the results obtained, we should review our judgments.

The rising number of pupils entering grade one brings one of the most serious problems facing our schools. For the past two years it has been necessary to have two rooms for grade one. This causes the appointment of an additional teacher, providing, and furnishing another room. Although the supply of good teachers is limited, the supply of available rooms has reached the vanishing point. A glance at the birth records in the Town of Northfield from 1941 to 1948 will show that this problem is not one of short duration, but will plague us, every year, for at least six or eight years. This rise in school population will take at least twelve years to move through our school system. In National Educational circles, the peak of school attendance has been forecast for 1962.

This providing of building space is a most serious problem and should receive immediate and complete study. At the present time Chapter 645, Acts of 1948, approved June 17, 1948 (AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL AND CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.) is of great value in the discussion of the solution of our problem. There is another bill to come before this year's legislature to grant further aid to Regional High Schools. It is forecast that this aid will be between 60 and 70% of cost. This bill should receive our complete attention and support. This building of a Regional High School might aid us in solving our High School problems and, at the same time, the housing of our elementary pupils.

As in most towns transportation problems are most difficult to solve to everyone's satisfaction. These problems are receiving continual attention, and I hope, will reach a satisfactory solution.

Superintendent's Activities

The routine business of five towns keeps your Superintendent exceedingly busy. According to the present distribution of the Superintendent's time in Union No. 22 comprising the towns of Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Warwick, and Leyden, he devotes 35 per cent of his time to the needs of the Northfield schools.

At the present time building committees, in addition to School Committees, are most active in Warwick, Bernardston and Leyden. From the above discussion it will be seen that the Town of Northfield should enter upon such discussions. The numerous reports found at the year's end, committee meetings, teachers' meetings, interviews with parents, citizens and salesmen have made my forty days in Northfield varied and complete.

School Finance

This item receives a major portion of the activities of the school administration. Every rise in cost is the cause for great concern. At all times every possible way of cutting expenses is employed. In spite of this vigilance, rising costs and needs have forced school budgets higher. It will be interesting to note that the school aid from the State was the highest during 1948. In 1948 the total aid to the Town for schools was $20,824.44. This was 34.5% of the total budget, likewise, the greatest in history. In other words only 65.5% of last year's budget was taken from the local taxpayer.

For 1949 the State Aid has been estimated to be approximately $23,400,000.00. In the legislative mill for this session is Bill S-130. If made law, this would give Northfield $20,000.00 additional school aid in 1950. Surely no one interested in the local costs of education can afford to lose sight of this legislation.

I wish to thank the School Committee, School Personnel and the people of Northfield for their help and understanding in the commencement of my duties. I hope that my accomplishments will be commensurate with their expectations.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER,
Superintendent of Schools

Report of School Organization

HIGH SCHOOL

Name	*Subject or Grade*	*Where Educated*
George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater State Teachers College, B.S.
	Mathematics	*Boston University
	Civics	
	Consumer Education	
Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal	Smith College, A.M.
	Physics	*Massachusetts State College
	Mathematics	*Boston University
	Latin	
Nellie W. Dearstyne	Spanish	American International College, B.A.
	English	Springfield College, M.Ed.
Beryle M. Stimson	Home Economics	University of New Hampshire, B.S.
	English I	
Harold H. McLean	United States History	Massachusetts State College, B.S.
	General Science	
	Biology	
	Physical Education	
M. Carleton Brown	Commercial	Bay Path Institute
		*Northeastern University Evening School
Eleanor A. Merriam	Mathematics	Wheaton College, A.B.
	Social Studies	Mount Holyoke, A.M.
Rose-Marie Marten	Literature	University of Massachusetts, B.A.
	English	
Virginia Raymond	Music Supervisor	Boston University, B.A.
Barbara Mankowsky	School Nurse	Mercy Hospital, R.N., Springfield, Mass.

Center School

Name	*Subject or Grade*	*Where Educated*
Dorothy O. Totman	Building Principal	Fitchburg Normal
	Grade 4	*University Extention
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Fitchburg Normal
		*University Extension
Elizabeth L. Hudson, B.S.	Grade 1	Gorham State Teachers' College
Virginia S. Haack	Grade 2	Stevens Institute of Technology (Academy)
		*Leslie College Extension Course
		Berlitz School of Language
Ruth R. Stebbins	Grade 2	Lowell Teachers College, B.S.
Mary E. Dalton	Grade 3	Northfield Seminary
		*Massachusetts State Teachers' College
		*Hyannis Normal
		*University Extension
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	Fitchburg Normal
		*University Extension
Elizabeth B. Braley	Grade 6	Northfield Seminary
		*North Adams Normal
		*Castleton Normal
		*Hyannis Normal
		*Fitchburg Normal
		*University Extension

*Attended without graduation

School Custodians

Leo Fortier

George Thompson, Part-time Assistant

Census Report

The annual census of children in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken as of October 1, 1948, as required by law.

	Boys	*Girls*	*Total*
Between ages 5-7	39	32	71
Between ages 7-14	111	109	220
Between ages 17-16	24	42	66
Total	174	183	357

Enrollment by Grades, October 1, 1948

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Boys	23	21	19	14	17	20	15	14	4	5	6	7
Girls	23	20	8	18	12	13	24	17	13	18	4	7
Total	46	41	27	32	29	33	39	31	17	23	10	14

Resident Enrollment by Schools

	Boys	Girls
Center School	112	94
High School	51	83
Greenfield Vocational	5	0
Greenfield Evening Vocational	3	0
Mount Hermon School	17	0
Northfield School for Girls	0	14
Stoneleigh-Prospect	0	1
Bement	1	0
Eaglebrook	1	0
Suffield	1	0
Deerfield	1	0
Manlius	1	0
Total	193	192

	Total
Boys	193
Girls	192
Grand Total	385

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation		$60,297.00
Expenditures		
	Expended	*Recommended*
Item	1948	1949
Superintendent's Salary	$1,605.61	$ 1,752.50
Union Travel	47.31	50.00
Out of State Travel	31.30	35.00
Union Clerk	424.51	444.00
Salaries:		
Regular Teachers & Substitutes	35,123.00	39,580.00
Extra Teacher Supt.		880.00
Supervisors Music	200.00	598.00
Supervisors Penn.	450.00	450.00
Sports Officials	75.00	75.00
Janitors	2,609.25	2,875.00
Physician	250.00	250.00
Nurse	350.00	500.00
Textbooks	507.93	800.00
Fuel	3,352.01	3,412.00
Water & Current	1,045.58	850.00
Repairs	808.14	825.00
Tuition: Vocational	1,491.18	2,180.00
Elementary	50.72	
Transportation	9,012.50	10.266.50
Sundry Education Expense	655.06	500.00
Supplies: Student	874.99	850.00
Janitor	685.53	275.00
Domestic Science	58.15	100.00
New Equipment	550.99	1,263.00
	$60,267.76	$68,811.00
Unexpended balance		$ 29.24

State Aid and Net Cost of Education

1937-1948

Year	*Total Expenditures*	*State Aid and Other Receipts*	*%*	*Net cost of Education*
1937	$ 33,495.48	$ 10,430.29	31	$ 23,065.19
1938	33,980.89	8,442.85	25	25,538.04
1939	34,371.92	8,503.57	25	25,868.35
1940	34,801.67	8,644.73	25	26,156.94
1941	35,113.93	11,082.52	32	24,031.31
1942	35,100.20	11,737.39	33	23,362.81

1943	35,494.34	11,364.94	32	24,129.40
1944	38,689.09	10,164.53	27	28,524.56
1945	41,091.11	10,545.66	26	30,545.45
1946	44,768.34	10,967.61	25	33,800.73
1947	57,711.99	19,561.29	33.9	38,150.70
1948	60.267.81	20,824.44	34.5	39,443.37

Net Cost of Schools in 1948

Expenditures 1948		$60.267.81
State of Massachusetts Reimbursements		
School Fund, Part I	$3,525.00	
School Fund, Part II	7,214.86	
Vocational Tuition	919.85	
Transportation	7,399.75	
State Wards: Tuition and transportation	706.46	
Supt's. Salary and Travel	676.67	
	$20,442.59	
Other Receipts:		
Telephone and breakage	$ 9.85	
Town of Vernon, Vermont	150.00	
James Gillespie	222.00	
Total	$ 381.85	
Total receipts		$20,824.44
1948 — Net Cost of Education		$39,433.37
1947 - Net Cost of Education		38,150.70
Net Increase from Local Sources, 1948		$ 1,292.67

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Financial Report Center School Lunch Room
January - December 1948

M. CARLETON BROWN, Treasurer

Balance January 1, 1948		$ 203.91
Receipts:		
Lunches and Milk	$ 5,389.43	
Checks from Federal Government	2,824.55	
Refunds:		
John Sexton & Co.	1.31	
H. M. Boyd	4.00	
Miss Totman	10.00	
Withholding Tax	198.40	
Total Receipts		$ 8,427.69
Total Income		$ 8,631.60

Disbursements:		
Groceries	$ 4,148.56	
Milk	2,354.76	
Commonwealth of Mass. Service Charge	45.79	
Payroll	1,384.06	
Withholding Tax	198.40	
Express, Postage, Etc.	34.27	
Collector of Internal Revenue	16.30	
Income Tax check for last quarter	75.60	
Total Disbursements		$ 8,257.74
Balance on Hand December 31, 1948		$ 373.86

Milk Bill Outstanding, December 31, 1948 — $134.51

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Glenwood Avenue,
East Northfield, Mass.
January 1, 1949

Mr. F. Sumner Turner,
Superintendent of Schools,
Northfield, Mass.

Dear Mr. Turner:

At the request of Mr. M. Carleton Brown, I have made the usual audit of the books of the Center School Lunch Room for the year 1948 and find the records to be in very fine condition. The revised setup of these records has enabled me to do a better job than last year in checking and the credit for this of course should go to Mr. Brown. The whole layout is far superior to what it was a year ago, yet I can see where the system could still be improved upon. I have made quite an exhaustive check on all entries of Receipts and Disbursements posted in the cash book, which are OK in every respect, and I also find the checking account with the Winchester National Bank is in perfect balance as of December 31, 1948.

The following is a Recapitulation of the monthly totals which agree with Mr. Brown's figure of $373.86, balance on hand at the close of the year.

Balance on hand January 1, 1948	$ 203.91
Receipts	8,427.69
	$ 8,631.60
Disbursements	8,257.74
Balance on Hand December 31, 1948	$ 373.86
Accounts Payable:	
Tenney Farms Dairy	$ 134.51

Proof

Checking account in Winchester National Bank		$ 337.10
Checks Outstanding No. 56	$ 5.45	
Checks Outstanding No. 57	6.85	
Checks Outstanding No. 60	75.60	87.90
Net Cash in bank		$ 249.20
Cash on Hand		124.66
Balance on hand and in bank December 31, 1948		$ 373.86

I want to assure you that it has been a pleasure for me to do this again this year and I trust you will find my report to be quite satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

LOUIS M. POTTS, Auditor.

Report of High School Principal

To the School Committee, Superintendent, and Citizens of Northfield:

I herewith submit my second report as Principal of the Northfield High School.

The year 1948 has witnessed a definite improvement in the scholastic attitude, cooperation and school spirit of the pupils of Northfield High School. More students have come to the realization that a high school diploma is a necessity in today's economic world. This has resulted in an improved attitude of study on the part of many students. New and different school activities plus greater interest and cooperative attitude in sports has resulted in an improved school spirit. However, added improvement in all these items is desired and expected in the coming year.

Enrollment

Classes assembled on September 8, 1948 with the following class enrollments recorded during September.

	Boys	Girls	Total
Grade 7	15	24	39
Grade 8	15	18	33
Grade 9	5	13	18
Grade 10	5	18	23
Grade 11	6	4	10
Grade 12	7	7	14
	53	84	137

This represents the same total enrollment as one year ago.

With the addition of an extra grade in the Center School, it became necessary to use the small room of Alexander Hall as a classroom. This was done with the kind permission of the Alexander Hall Committee. Four small classes convene in this room daily.

Organization and Program

There was only one change in the faculty during the past year, that change being Miss Rose-Marie Marten for Mrs. Dorothy Billings. Miss Marten was engaged as full time teacher of English and related subjects in grades seven and eight. Mrs. Albert Raymond took Mrs. Billings' place as supervisor of music and director of the Glee Club. Music was dropped from the daily program of grades seven and eight due to the lack of a teacher for that subject, although those grades each have a forty minute period of music per week with Mrs. Raymond. It is hoped that it will be possible to return music to the curriculum of these grades in another year.

Geography was added to the curriculum of grades seven and eight. A half year of this subject will be alternated with a half year of history, thus completing the transition from the teaching of Social Studies adopted twelve years ago, back to the teaching of these subjects as separate units. This seems to be a trend prevalent in many school systems.

The subjects offered to the high school students in September, 1948 and the number enrolled in each class are as follows:

English 9	— 18	United States History	— 13
English 10	— 23	Consumer Education	— 13
English 11	— 12	Commercial Geography	— 6
English 12	— 14	Typewriting I	— 15
Spanish I	— 20	Typewriting II	— 10
Spanish II	— 5	Shorthand I	— 6
Latin II	— 7	Shorthand II	— 4
Civics	— 9	Bookkeeping	— 12
Physics	— 6	Home Economics I	— 7
Biology	— 19	Home Economics II	— 9
Algebra I	— 6	General Science 9	— 29
Geometry	— 10	General Math.	— 13

Due to limitations of facilities, number of periods per day, and the number electing courses, some subjects are given only in alternate years.

Since the Town Hall has become available for the playing of basketball, Northfield High School now has a well-rounded physical education program. An available location for physical activity during the long winter months has been one of the outstanding needs of our school system. Now our students have the opportunity to keep themselves physically fit during the winter and to learn team play, the spirit of competition, and to develop better muscular coordination.

A combination FM-AM radio-phonograph has recently been purchased for use in classroom work, assembly programs, and music appreciation. The Glee Club contributed $100 toward the purchase price, with the remainder being raised by the annual sale of magazine subscriptions.

For the first time in a number of years, pupils are taking lessons on musical instruments. Individual lessons are given during school hours at the Town Hall. It is hoped that a school band may be formed during the coming year. The Parent Teacher Association was instrumental in getting this program started.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The sports program heads our list of extra curricular activities. During the seasons of the year 1948, Northfield High School won first place and Border League trophies in baseball, softball, and football and tied for first place in volleyball, thus making a clean sweep of all four sports in the league.

Our triumphs in baseball and softball made it possible to win the first annual Greenfield Recorder-Gazette Cup awarded the team of the Border League with the best cumulative record in the four sports. This is ours for permanent possession. These trophies and the cup were not won primarily with skill but with a noticeably improved attitude of team play and school spirit. This has carried through the present school year and was instrumental in the victories of the football and volleyball teams this fall.

It is important to note that in no other nearby schools are the girls and boys put on such an equal footing as they are in the sports programs of the schools of the Border League.

Basketball has come into its own at Northfield High. Informal teams were organized last winter with a few games being played against both boys' and girls' teams at Bernardston and New Salem. The teams showed up very well and this experience should aid them in the forthcoming basketball season.

We have joined a newly formed King Philip League in basketball. This league is composed of Northfield, Bernardston, New Salem and Hinsdale and features both boys and girls teams playing home and home games.

Under the very able direction of Miss Nellie Dearstyne, the N. H. S. Review has improved by leaps and bounds during the past few years until it has now become one of the finest small high school publications in this section of the state. The graduating class of 1948 issued a year book of which they can be justly proud. The work involved in publishing such an issue entails hundreds of hours of work on the part of the director and the students who compose the staff. The experiences and skills resulting from such a publication are many and varied, and should prove to be very worthwhile to all concerned.

The Northfield Teachers' Club is again sponsoring a series of five assembly programs at the Town Hall. These are all of an educational nature and are interesting and entertaining. All programs feature skilled artists. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Social Activities

During February, Mr. Donald Finch and the Northfield Players presented the play, "Shavings" in the Town Hall for the benefit of the Class of 1948. This play was repeated by nearly the same cast in August for the benefit of the Class of 1949. Both presentations were to benefit the Washington Trip Funds.

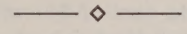
A very successful Washington trip was enjoyed by the Senior Class during the week of April 18. Two full days were spent in New York City visiting Radio City, Statue of Liberty, Chinatown, the Bowery, Times Square, and many other attractions. Three days were spent in Washing-

ton and nearby Virginia visiting the many beautiful buildings, shrines, statutes, museums, and government departments. On the Washington trip, Northfield was accompanied by students from Bernardston and Sherborn High Schools. Principal and Mrs. George M. Leonard were the chaperones for the Northfield group.

A well attended concert was presented by the Glee Club on June 8 under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Billings. Quartets, solos and novelties featured this exceptionally fine program.

Nearly one hundred students attended an Acquaintance Social in the Town Hall in September. Games, dancing and refreshments were enjoyed. This party was held in place of the outgrown and outmoded initiation ceremonies of other years.

A very successful play, "Kathy, The Great" was presented in December by the members of the Class of 1949. The able cast was again efficiently directed by Miss Evelyn Lawley.



GRADUATION PROGRAM

Baccalaureate Sunday was observed at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on June 13. Reverend Joseph Reeves delivered a fine Baccalaureate Sermon entitled "High Inner Imperatives".

Graduation exercises were conducted at the Town Hall on Thursday evening, June 17, at 8:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

Processional
"War March of the Priests" *Mendelssohn*

Invocation
Reverend Joseph W. Reeves

Hymn - "Onward, Christian Soldiers" Glee Club
Sullivan—(Fred Waring Arrangement)

Welcome David Quinn

Salutatorian Address - "Mahatma Ghandi" Blanche Duda

Music - "May Dance" (English Folk Dance) Glee Club

Valedictorian Address - "Joseph Stalin" Ruth Holton

Class History Ralph Lyons
Written by Ralph Lyons and Julia Ladzinski

Class Will Edwin Stevens
Written by Edwin Stevens and Helen Mitchell

Music - "Bendemeer's Stream" (Irish Folk Song)
Eighth Grade Group

Announcement of Awards Principal George M. Leonard

Presentation of Diplomas — Supt. Robert N. Taylor

Class Song - "Time to Bid Goodbye"
Words by Marian Avery Barber

School Song - "Our Old High" — All students and alumni

Benediction - "Pomp and Circumstance" — Elgar

Graduates

With Honor

Marion Avery Barber
Blanche Teresa Duda
Ruth Brettle Holton

Barbara Phyllis Bolton
Allan Phillip Davis
Doris Isabell Doolittle
Jerome David Joseph Gingras
Julia Ann Ladzinski
Fred Walter Luciew
Lourene May Lyons
Ralph Lyons
Helen Blanche Mitchell
James Harvey Morgan
David George Quinn
Edwin Moses Stevens
Philip Allan Walsh

The Class of 1949 left the sum of $40 with which to purchase a sign to adorn the front of Northfield High School. Such a sign has been erected and Northfield's many visitors now know the location of its public schools. Many thanks are expressed to the graduating class for its donation to this fine gift.

Financial

The following is a statement of the finances of Northfield High School for the year 1948 as reported by Mr. M. Carleton Brown:

Northfield High School — School Fund

Year ending December 22, 1948

Name of Account	*Receipts*	*Expenses*	*Balance*
Class of 1948	$1,821.58	$1,781.95	$ 39.65
Class of 1949	1,523.42	696.78	826.64
Class of 1950	124.95	33.76	91.19
Class of 1951	34.06	.....	34.06
Class of 1952	5.00	.....	5.00
Press Club	472.22	393.20	79.02
Glee Club	293.56	144.96	148.60
General Student Fund	1,720.35	1,323.33	397.02
Totals	$ 5,995.14	$4,373.96	$ 1,621.18

Check book balance	$ 1,621.12
Cash on hand	$ .06
Total	$ 1,621.18

The books are audited at the end of each school year by Mr. Louis Potts and his report is forwarded to the School Committee.

Looking Ahead

Improvements have been made in Northfield High School during the past year as have been previously pointed out. Greater improvements will be made in the year ahead. Greater interest is being shown in school activities and the whole educational program. People are becoming more conscious of their schools through publicity by press and radio and greater demands are being made upon state and federal governments for aid to the educational program.

Every citizen of Northfield should become more familiar with the local educational set-up and with the place of the state and federal government in education by doing the following:

1. Visit your schools while they are in session. During the year 1948, very few citizens of Northfield visited the high school. This is an unhealthy situation since only those persons who visit school often know just what is going on in our local institutions. The faculty invites all citizens to visit school as often as they wish.
2. Read newspaper and magazine articles by authorities in the educational field to know what is new in education. Listen to educational radio programs and know what is being proposed by your legislators that will affect your local school situation.
3. Write your views directly to those who will be setting the path for education in the future. Most Congressmen vote according to the will of the people. Laws are made by those who have interest enough to help in making and passing them.
4. Join the Parent Teacher Association and add your constructive energies to the building of a strong cooperation between the school and the home.

In conclusion I wish to thank the members of the school committee for their fine cooperation during the past year and to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Turner for the many ways they have assisted me. May I also express my appreciation to the citizens of Northfield who are always willing to contribute to the many activities of our school.

Respecfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD, Principal.

Report of Principal of Center School

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Northfield.

I herewith submit a report for the Center School.

Reorganizing of the schools in town took place in September, 1947, at which time six grades remained in Center School. Because of an increase in first grade enrollment there were two first grades. The extra room was used as a music room and classroom for overflow from the High School through June. In September Mrs. Ruth Stebbins, former music teacher and substitute, was added to our staff as the extra second grade teacher, making the full use of our building for elementary grades. In November Mrs. Elizabeth Hudson resigned to move to Hyannis where her husband was employed. Mrs. Alice Billings substituted in her first grade through December.

Besides our regular classroom instruction there have been educational movies presented in the lunchroom with Mrs. Evelyn Parker operating the projector, informal get togethers for singing of familiar songs under the direction of Mrs. Stebbins with Mrs. Virginia Haack as accompanist, special programs at the Town Hall sponsored by the Northfield Teachers' Club, and appropriate parties and programs for special holidays.

In September we held "open house" at which time we were extremely pleased with the large attendance of parents and friends who came to view the exhibits of vegetables, flowers, cooking, sewing, and other handicrafts. A pet show and parade were a part of the day's program. Movies were taken by Mrs. Robert Abbott and later shown at an assembly.

Record albums have been donated from time to time by parents and friends to be added to our record library.

I wish to thank each teacher for her cooperation and helpfulness; our superintendents, the nurse, the workers in the lunchroom, music supervisors, and the janitors for their assistance, and the parents of our boys and girls, as well as the boys and girls themselves, for aiding in my work as principal of Center School.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY O. TOTMAN

Report of Music Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my report as Music Supervisor.

In both the Center School and the High School, there is a four-fold program of musical activities and experiences presented through singing, playing, listening and creating. This program is designed not just to teach the theory of music, but rather to create a genuine appreciation and honest love for music itself—something which will stay with the student after formal schooling is over.

In addition to work in the regular music books, records have been played in class. The record library has welcomed several additions purchased by the department and also some records, both musical and dramatic, given to the school by interested parents. The Center School boys and girls have had musical assemblies at Thanksgiving and Christmas and group singing on other occasions. The rhythm band instruments purchased several years ago have been enjoyed by the lower grades, and it is hoped that some new instruments may soon replace those worn out by enthusiastic participants.

At the High School the Glee Club has been meeting regularly in preparation for its Spring program. It is unfortunate that there is no one at the High School at present to act as accompanist for the Glee Club or to follow up my weekly visits in the seventh and eighth grades with additional work on music. The music set-up there has just been greatly enriched by the purchase of a new Zenith combination radio-phonograph, helpful in the teaching of music and many other subjects. The radio is equipped with Frequency Modulation and the phonograph has the new "Cobra Arm" for use on the new long playing micro-groove records.

A propitious start has been made in instrumental music. Fourteen students are now having private instruction in various band instruments with Mr. Rosswell Minott. We all hope that before long the school will have the nucleus for the formation of a band.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. VIRGINIA RAYMOND

Report of School Physician

This year for the first time physical examinations of the prospective first graders were conducted in June, in nearly every case the parent or parents being present. The regular examinations of the other pupils were conducted in September and October, as usual. The June pre-school examination has the advantage of having the parent present so that the child will not be as apprehensive at his first examination and so that any defects found may be discussed directly with the parent, and also allows time to have any defects found remedied before school starts in the fall.

The general condition of all pupils was found good, but there were more defects found this year than last. This year 345 pupils were examined and 175 defects were found. A summary of the defects found follows.

Defective teeth	71	Heart disease	2
Flat feet	64	Poor nutrition	2
Poor posture	18	Scoliosis	2
Diseased tonsils	11	Athlete's foot	1
Loose inguinal rings	3	Skin disease	1

An outbreak of measles, mumps and chicken pox occurred in November and December causing a large number of the pupils to be out of school. I feel that many of these cases were unnecessary had the parents been more cooperative in keeping home sick children. Many of the children were sick on arrival at school and had to be taken home by the nurse and by coming to school in this way exposed every child they came in contact with. I must again beg more cooperation of the parents. Please do not send sick children to school, and do not send a child who has been out sick back to school until a certificate has been obtained from the school physician.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Natalie Hurley and Miss Barbara Mankowsky and the teachers for their assistance and cooperation this year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M. D.,
School Physician.

Report of School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I herewith submit my report as school nurse from September 1948 through December 1948:

During the latter part of September the usual physical examinations were made by Dr. F. Wilton Dean, school physician.

Center School		Defective teeth	3
Total number examined	209	Poor posture	2
Flat feet	28	8th grade	
Defective teeth	6	Flat feet	9
Throat	11	Defective teeth	6
Poor posture	9	Poor posture	1
Heart conditions	2		
Athlete's foot	1	High School	
Scoliosis	1	Flat feet	16
		Defective teeth	6
High School		Poor posture	6
Total Examined	136	Scoliosis	1
7th grade		Hernial tendency	3
Flat feet	11		

These children were also weighed and measured during the month of September.

Improvement has been made in the care of teeth but there are still a marked number of children needing dental care. This fall I have taken eight children needing dental care, to the Dental Clinic in Greenfield. Drs. Arthur Aaron and Donald D. Fillebrown very generously contributed time to these children.

The following is a summary of my school work from September through December.

Children excluded from school	18
Children readmitted to school	18
Classroom visits for group inspection	28
First aid given	88
Advice given	53
Consultations with teachers	30
Treatment with doctor present	1
Consultation with parent in School	3
Health talks	12

Field visits

Health supervision	4
Communicable disease	8
Other	9

Parents should feel free at all times to discuss any health problems of their children with the school nurse. If I can be of any assistance to the parents in promoting their childrens health, I shall be glad to do so.

During the month of October I spent three days in Northampton attending a Vision and Hearing testing school sponsored by the State Department of Public Health.

I with to thank Mr. F. Sumner Turner, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. F. Wilton Dean and all the teachers for their cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA E. MANKOWSKY,
School Nurse.

State Auditor's Report

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Corporations and Taxation

Division of Accounts

State House, Boston 33

January 21, 1949

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Ernest A. Parker, Chairman

Northfield, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1948, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

FRANCIS X. LANG,

Director of Accounts.

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Mr. Francis X. Lang

Directcor of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Northfield for the year ending December 31, 1948, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing town funds or sending out bills for collection were examined and checked in detail.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts as recorded were analyzed and checked with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds and with the books of the town accountant. The cash book footings were verified, and the cash balance on December 31,

1948 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the depository and by verification of the deposit in transit.

The payments of debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The records of payroll deductions on account of federal taxes and the county retirement system were examined and checked. The payments to the Collector of Internal Revenue and to the county retirement board were verified, and the amounts credited to the town employees were listed and proved to the card record in the treasurer's office and to the town accountant's ledger accounts. It is recommended that deductions on account of Blue Cross and Blue Shield be entered as receipts and that payments to the Massachusetts Hospital Service, Inc., be made on authority of selectmen's warrants.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of trust and investment funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved, the bequests and deposits were checked, and the amounts withdrawn were verified.

The tax title records in custody of the treasurer were analyzed and checked with the accounts of the tax collector and the town accountant. The amounts received on account of redemptions were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger accounts.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The accounts outstanding at the time of the previous examination and all subsequent commitment lists of taxes and excise were examined and proved with assessors' warrants committing them for collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were compared with the assessors' record of abatements granted, the transfers to the tax title account were checked, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger.

Verification notices were sent to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and from the replies received it appears that the outstanding accounts, as listed, are correct.

The surety bonds of the town officials required to furnish them for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The licenses and permits granted by the board of selectmen were checked with the record of licenses issued by the selctmen and the town clerk. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand on January 11, 1949 in custody of the town clerk was verified by actual count.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked

in detail. The records of licenses granted were compared with the records of licenses issued. The payments to the town treasurer and to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified, and the cash on hand on January 11, 1949 was proved by actual count.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate appropriations raised by the assessors in the computation of the tax rate for 1948.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked. The receipts were checked to the record of work done, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The receipts as recorded were checked with the treasurer's record of receipts, while the rcorded payments were checked with the treasury warrants, and with the treasurer's books. The appropriation accounts as recorded on the ledger were checked with the town meeting records of the town clerk, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations of the finance committee, and all other accounts were checked with the records in the departments in which the transactions originated.

The ledger was analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and after the necessary adjusting entries were made, a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1948 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The recorded receipts of the community nurse were examined, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on December 31, 1948 was verified.

The commitments of accounts receivable by the public welfare, veterans' services, and school departments were examined. The cash collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved with the town accountant's ledger accounts.

The books and accounts of the trustees of the Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund were examined and checked. The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust fund were examined, the income and withdrawals were verified, the disbursements for aid rendered and for administrative charges were checked to the cancelled checks, and the cash balance on December 31, 1948 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement received from the bank.

The librarian's records of receipts were checked in detail, the payments to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand on January 12, 1949 was proved by actual count.

The records relative to sales of cemetery lots were checked to the

cemetery commissioners' deeds issued, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the savings bank book in custody of the cemetery commissioners was examined.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned, the records of all other departments collecting money for the town or sending out bills for collection were examined and reconciled with the books of the treasurer and the town accountant.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, excise and departmental accounts, as well as tables showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,

Assistant Director of Accounts

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RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 48,320.25	
Receipts	231,371.76	
		$279,692.01
Payments	$218,079.03	
Balance December 31, 1948:		
Franklin County Trust Company,	61,612.98	
		$279,692.01

Franklin County Trust Company, Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1948,		
per statement	$ 66,880.46	
Deposit in transit,		
December 31, 1948, verified	1,032.36	
		$ 67,912.82
Balance December 31, 1948,		
per check book	$ 61,612.98	
Outstanding checks,		
December 31, 1948, per list	6,299.84	
		$ 67,912.82

FEDERAL WITHHOLDING TAXES

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 531.00	
Payroll deductions 1948	4,711.87	
		$ 5,242.87

Payments to Collector of Internal Revenue 1948		$ 4,860.27	
Balance December 31, 1948, in general treasury		382.60	
			$ 5,242.87

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND

Balance January 1, 1948		$ 120.93	
Payroll deductions 1948		697.90	
			$ 818.83
Payments to county retirement board 1948		$ 701.89	
Balance December 31, 1948, in general treasury		116.94	
			$ 818.83

Taxes 1946

Outstanding January 1, 1948			$ 5,381.16
Payments to treasurer 1948		$ 5,195.53	
Abatements 1948		9.88	
Audit adjustment:			
Tax titles taken		175.75	
			$ 5,381.16

Taxes 1947

Outstanding January 1, 1948:			
Poll		$ 118.00	
Personal property		1,933.00	
Real estate		13,839.04	
			$ 15,890.04
Payments to treasurer 1948:			
Poll	$ 106.00		
Personal property	818.80		
Real estate	7,473.84		
		$ 8,398.64	
Abatements 1948:			
Poll	$ 8.00		
Personal property	3.50		
Real estate	7.50		
		$ 19.00	
Audit adjustments:			
Real estate taxes 1947 reported as real estate taxes 1948		37.50	
Tax titles taken		217.50	

Outstanding December 31, 1948 per list:			
Poll	$ 4.00		
Personal property	1,110.70		
Real estate	6,102.70		
		$ 7,217.40	
			$ 15,890.04

Poll Taxes 1948

Commitment per warrant	$ 1,338.00	
Additional commitment	10.00	
		$ 1,348.00
Payments to treasurer	$ 1,078.00	
Abatements	180.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1948 per list	90.00	
		$ 1,348.00

Personal Property Taxes 1948

Commitment per warrant	$ 12,763.00	
Abatement after payment, refunded	11.50	
		$ 12,774.50
Payments to treasurer	$ 10,859.75	
Abatements	24.00	
Audit adjustment:		
Refund of real estate taxes 1948 entered as personal property taxes 1948	11.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1948 per list	1,879.25	
		$ 12,774.50

Real Estate Taxes 1948

Commitment per warrant	$ 87,488.40	
Additional commitment	10.00	
Audit adjustment:		
Refund of real estate taxes 1948 entered as personal property taxes 1948	11.50	
Real estate taxes 1947 reported as real estate taxes 1948	37.50	
		$ 87.547.40
Payments to treasurer	$ 73,452.08	
Abatements	515.25	
Added to tax titles:		
Entered	$ 276.50	
Not entered	115.00	
	$ 391.50	

Outstanding December 31, 1948 per list	13,188.57	
		$ 87,547.40

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1947

Outstanding January 1, 1948	$ 1,837.08	
Commitment per warrant 1948	76.67	
Abatement after payment refunded 1948	1.81	
		$ 1,915.56
Payments to treasurer 1948	$ 1,871.43	
Abatements 1948	31.51	
Outstanding December 31, 1948 per list	12.62	
		$ 1,915.56

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise 1948

Commitments per warrants	$ 10,928.75	
Abatement after payment refunded	196.10	
		$ 11,124.85
Payments to treasurer	$ 9,400.37	
Abatements	352.22	
Audit adjustment:		
Motor vehicle and trailer excise 1948 reported as interest	.03	
Outstanding December 31, 1948 per list	1,372.23	
		$ 11,124.85

Timber Salvage Taxes

Outstanding January 1, 1948:		
Taxes 1940	$ 1,109.33	
Taxes 1941	1,239.84	
Taxes 1942	1,239.84	
		$ 3,589.01
Outstanding December 31, 1948 per list		$ 3,589.01

Interest and Costs On Taxes

Collections 1948:		
Interest:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1946	$ 335.94	
Levy of 1947	197.47	
Levy of 1948	23.31	
		$ 556.72
Motor vehicle and trailer excise:		
Levy of 1947	$ 28.68	
Levy of 1948	38.13	
		$ 66.81

Costs:			
Taxes:			
Levy of 1946	$ 14.90		
Levy of 1947	11.20		
Levy of 1948	5.60		
		$ 31.70	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise:			
Levy of 1947	$ 29.05		
Levy of 1948	9.10		
		$ 38.15	
Audit adjustment:			
Interest reported as motor vehicle and trailer excise		.03	
			$ 693.41
Payments to treasurer 1948:			
Interest		$ 623.56	
Costs		69.85	
			$ 693.41

Tax Titles

Outstanding January 1, 1948		$ 775.69	
Added to tax titles 1948:			
Taxes 1948	$ 276.50		
Interest and costs	7.38		
		$ 283.88	
Audit Adjustments:			
Tax titles taken:			
Taxes 1946	$ 175.75		
Taxes 1947	217.50		
Added to tax titles:			
Taxes 1948	115.00		
Interest and costs	75.47		
		$ 583.72	
			$ 1,643.29
Tax titles redeemed 1948		$ 21.66	
Outstanding December 31,1948 per list		1,621.63	
			$ 1,643.29

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses

Licenses issued 1948:			
Male	159 @ $ 2.00	$ 318.00	
Female	22 @ 5.00	110.00	
Spayed female	101 @ 2.00	202.00	
Kennel	5 @ 10.00	50.00	
Kennel	1 @ 25.00	25.00	
			$ 705.00

Payments to treasurer 1948		$ 647.40	
Fees retained 1948	288 @ .20	57.60	
			$ 705.00

Sporting Licenses

Licenses issued 1948:			
Resident citizens':			
Fishing	110 @ $ 2.00	$ 220.00	
Hunting	101 @ 2.00	202.00	
Sporting	141 @ 3.25	458.25	
Minor and female fishing	85 @ 1.25	106.25	
Minor trapping	1 @ 2.25	2.25	
Trapping	1 @ 5.25	5.25	
Special non-resident fishing	10 @ 1.50	15.00	
Non-resident citizens' fishing	20 @ 5.25	105.00	
Non-resident citizens' hunting	7 @ 10.25	71.75	
Duplicate	6 @ .50	3.00	
			$ 1,188.75
Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game 1948		$ 1,069.75	
Fees retained 1948	476 @ $ .25	119.00	
			$ 1,188.75
Licenses issued January 1 to 11, 1949:			
Resident citizens':			
Fishing	3 @ $ 2.00	$ 6.00	
Hunting	3 @ 2.00	6.00	
Sporting	17 @ 3.25	55.25	
			$ 67.25
Fees retained January 1 to 11, 1949	23 @ $ .25	$ 5.75	
Cash on hand January 11, 1949 verified		61.50	
			$ 67.25

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

Issued by Town Clerk

Licenses issued 1948:		
Alcohol	$ 2.00	
Gasoline registrations	46.00	
Common victualler	4.00	
Oleomargarine	2.00	
Milk	4.50	
Inholder	4.00	
Pistol	9.00	
Junk	4.00	
Auctioneer	2.00	
		$ 77.50

Payments to treasurer 1948			$ 77.50
Licenses issued January 1 to 11, 1949:			
Common victualler	$ 1.00		
Pistol	3.00		
		$	4.00
Cash on hand January 11, 1949 verified		$	4.00

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES

Licenses issued 1948:			
Lodging house	$ 2.00		
Taxi	3.00		
Camp	.50		
Automobile dealer	5.00		
Pasteurization	20.00		
Funeral director	1.00		
Peddler	1.00		
Sale of firearms	5.00		
Ice cream	5.00		
		$	42.50
Payments to treasurer 1948		$	42.50

TOWN HALL RENTALS

Charges 1948:			
Rentals,	$ 321.50		
Miscellaneous,	2.92		
		$	324.42
Payments to treasurer 1948,	$ 319.42		
Outstanding December 31, 1948, per list,	5.00		
		$	324.42

DOG OFFICER

Due from county January 1, 1948,		$	8.00	
Payments to dog officer 1948:				
Care of dogs,	$ 54.00			
Destruction of dogs,	23.00			
		$	77.00	
			$	85.00
Payments to treasurer by county 1948,			$	85.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Outstanding January 1, 1948,	$ 1.72		
Fees 1948,	32.19		
		$	33.91
Payments to treasurer 1948,	$ 32.19		
Outstanding December 31, 1948, per list,	1.72		
		$	33.91

COMMUNITY NURSE

Natalie G. Hurley

Cash on hand January 1, 1948,	$ 35.50	
Fees collected January 1 to June 30, 1948,	143.45	
		$ 178.95
Payments to treasurer January 1 to June 30, 1948,		$ 178.95

Barbara Mankowsky

Fees collected July 1 to December 31, 1948,		$ 131.00
Payments to treasurer July 1 to Dec. 31, 1948,	$ 119.50	
Cash on hand December 31, 1948, verified,	11.50	
		$ 131.00

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1948,	$ 63.68	
Charges 1948,	470.82	
		$ 534.50
Payments to treasurer 1948,	$ 180.12	
Outstanding December 31, 1948, per list,	354.38	
		$ 534.50

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Aid to Dependent Children — Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1948,		$ 665.93	
Commitments 1948 :			
Entered,	$ 2,103.55		
Not entered,	639.05		
		$ 2,742.60	
			$ 3,408.53
Payments to treasurer 1948,		$ 2,465.62	
Outstanding December 31, 1948, per list,		942.91	
			$ 3,408.53

BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1948,	$ 83.63	
Commitments 1948,	22,191.10	
		$ 22,274.73
Payments to treasurer 1948,	$ 22,051.74	
Outstanding December 31, 1948, per list,	222.99	
		$ 22,274.73

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1948,	$ 54.00	
Commitments 1948,	272.30	
		$ 326.30

Payments to treasurer 1948,		$ 54.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1948, verified,		272.30	
			$ 326.30

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Accounts Receivable

Outstanding January 1, 1948,		$ 28.20	
Commitments 1948:			
Entered,	$ 212.00		
Not entered,	160.00		
		$ 372.00	
			$ 400.20
Payments to treasurer 1948,		$ 312.00	
Oustanding December 31, 1948, per list,		88.20	
			$ 400.20

DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Cash on hand January 1, 1948,		$ 1.87	
Fines collected 1848,		144.54	
			$ 146.41
Payments to treasurer 1948,		$ 144.85	
Cash balance December 31, 1948,		1.56	
			$ 146.41
Cash balance January 1, 1949,		$ 1.56	
Fines collected January 1 to 12, 1949,		6.94	
			$ 8.50
Cash on hand January 12, 1949, verifield,			$ 8.50

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Receipts 1948:			
Sale of cemetery lots,		$ 246.00	
Perpetual care income,		4.06	
			$ 250.06
Payments to treasurer 1948:			
Sale of cemetery lots,		$ 246.00	
Expenditures by commissioners 1948:			
Care of lot,		4.06	
			$ 250.06

ELISHA ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Selectmen

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948, ...	$ 2,020.00	$ 2,020.00
On hand December 31, 1948, ...	$ 2,020.00	$ 2,020.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
1948			
Income	$ 40.40	Transfer to town, ...	$ 40.40

MARTHA W. ALEXANDER CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Trustees

	Cash	*Savings Deposits*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 202.31	$ 8,600.44	$ 8,802.75
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 214.51	$ 8,567.00	$ 8,781.51

Receipts		*Payments*	
1948			
Withdrawn from savings deposits,	$ 33.44	Aid to poor,	$ 200.00
Income,	184.43	Administration charges,	5.67
Cash on hand January 1, 1948,	202.31	Cash on hand December 31, 1948,	214.51
	$ 420.18		$ 420.18

LOTTIE EVANS CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 755.39	$ 755.39
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 770.56	$ 770.56

Receipts		*Payments*	
1948			
Income,	$ 15.17	Added to savings deposits,	$ 15.17

GEORGE F. MORGAN CHARITY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
1948			
Income,	$ 60.30	Transfer to town,	$ 60.30

SURPLUS REVENUE SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,600.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
	1948		
Income,	$ 32.16	Transfer to town,	$ 32.16

BELCHER CENTER SCHOOL FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Securities Par Value*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 1,050.00	$ 200.00	$ 1,250.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 1,050.00	$ 200.00	$ 1,250.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
	1948		
Income,	$ 26.10	Transfer to town,	$ 26.10

BELCHER LIBRARY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Securities Par Value*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 9,439.01	$ 300.00	$ 9,739.01
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 9,439.01	$ 300.00	$ 9,739.01

Receipts		*Payments*	
	1948		
Income,	$ 197.15	Transfer to town,	$ 197.15

CHARLES P. DICKINSON LIBRARY BOOK FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
	1948		
Income,	$ 60.30	Transfer to town,	$ 60.30

JAMES W. COWLES CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
	1948		
Income,	$ 40.20	Transfer to town,	$ 40.20

BELCHER CENTER CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Securities Par Value*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
1948			
Income,	$ 45.10	Transfer to town,	$ 45.10

CALVIN STEARNS CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
1948			
Income,	$ 10.05	Transfer to town,	$ 10.05

MARY H. CALLENDER CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 500.00	$ 500.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
1948			
Income,	$ 10.05	Transfer to town,	$ 10.05

WEST NORTHFIELD CEMETERY FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Securities Par Value*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 3,820.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 7,820.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 4,120.00	$ 4,000.00	$ 8,120.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
1948			
Bequests,	$ 300.00	Added to Savings	
Income,	187.50	deposits,	$ 300.00
		Transfer to town,	187.50
	$ 487.50		$ 487.50

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

In Custody of Treasurer

	Cash	*Savings Deposits*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 300.00	$ 10,814.75	$ 11,114.75
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 400.00	$ 11,414.75	$ 11,814.75

Receipts		*Payments*	
	1948		
Bequests,	$ 700.00	Added to savings	
Income	219.03	deposits,	$ 600.00
Cash in general treasury		Transfer to town,	219.03
January 1, 1948,	300.00	Cash in general treasury	
		December 31, 1948,	400.00
	$ 1,219.03		$ 1,219.03

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

In Custody of Selectmen

	Savings Deposits	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 303.00	$ 303.00
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 303.00	$ 303.00

Receipts		*Payments*	
	1948		
Income,	$ 6.06	Transfer to town,	$ 6.06

POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

In Custody of Treasurer

	Savings Deposits	*Securities Par Value*	*Total*
On hand January 1, 1948,	$ 912.39	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,912.39
On hand December 31, 1948,	$ 1,179.66	$ 10,000.00	$ 11,179.66

Receipts		*Payments*	
	1948		
		Added to savings	
Income,	$ 267.27	deposits,	$ 267.27

STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1948

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash,		$ 61,612.98
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1947:		
Poll	$ 4.00	
Personal	1,110.70	
Real Estate	6,102.70	
	$ 7,217.40	
Levy of 1948:		
Poll	$ 90.00	
Personal	1,879.25	
Real Estate	13,188.57	
	$ 15,157.82	
		$ 22,375.22
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1947	$ 12.62	
Levy of 1948	1,372.23	
		$ 1,384.85

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes Withheld	$ 382.60	
Contributory Retirement Fund	116.94	
		$ 499.54
Dog Licenses - Due County		10.20
Trust Fund Income:		
George F. Morgan Charity Fund	$ 182.38	
Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	192.56	
Belcher Center School Fund	52.20	
Belcher Library Fund	21.88	
Dickinson Library Book Fund	2.79	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	84.67	
Northfield Farms Cemetery Fund	5.66	
West Northfield Cemetery Fund	198.32	
Mary Callender Cemetery Fund	115.00	
Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	8.00	
		$ 863,46
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		400.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		1,831.62
Sale of Real Estate		1,260.00
Road Machinery Fund		9,412.65
Tailings		3.50
Tax Collector's Costs		69.85

Timber Salvage Taxes:		
Levy of 1940	$ 1,109.33	
Levy of 1941	1,239.84	
Levy of 1942	1,239.84	
		$ 3,589.01
Tax Titles:		$ 1,621.63
Departmental		
Sidewalk Construction	$ 354.38	
Aid to Dependent Children	942.91	
Old Age Assistance	222.99	
Veterans' Benefits	272.30	
School	88.20	
		$ 1,880.78
State Aid to Highways:		$ 122.68
Underestimates:		
State Park and Reservations Tax	$ 20.85	
County Tax	793.89	
		$ 814.74
		$ 93,401.89

Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance	$ 16.84	
Administration	323.40	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance	$471.20	
Administration	8.17	
		$ 819.61
Unexpended Balances:		
Town Hall Kitchen	$ 266.03	
Planting and Care of Trees	111.39	
		$ 377.42
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus		2,780.42
Overlay Reserve for Abatements:		
Levy of 1947	$ 1,240.98	
Levy of 1948	3,074.28	
		$ 4,315.26
Revenue Reserve Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 1,384.85	
Timber Salvage	3,589.01	
Tax Title	1,621.63	
Departmental	1,880.78	
State Aid to Highways	122.68	
		$ 8,598.95
Surplus Revenue		62,059.41
		$ 93,401.89

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$ 9,000.00	New School Building Loan	$ 9,000.00

TRUST and INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	$ 2,020.00
Cash and Securities:		Martha W. Alexander Charity Fund	8,781.51
In custody of Treasurer	$ 55,473.98	Lottie Evans Charity Funds	770.56
In custody of Selectmen	2,323.00	George F. Morgan Charity Fund	3,000.00
In custody of Trustees	8,781.51	Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00
		Belcher Center School Fund	1,250.00
		Belcher Library Fund	9,739.01
		Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund	3,000.00
		James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	500.00
		Mary Callender Cemetery Fund	500.00
		West Northfield Cemetery Fund	8,120.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:	
		In custody of Treasurer √	11,814.73
		In custody of Selectmen	303.00
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	11,179.66
	$ 66,578.49		$ 66,578.49

√ Includes $400 in general treasury

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, s.s.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. *Greeting*:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on February 7th, 1949, at ten o'clock in the morning, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and act thereon.

Article 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the coming year, the following to be on one ballot: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, two Library Trustees for three years, one Library Trustee for two years to fill vacancy, one school Committee member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Tree Warden for one year, Tax Collector for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, and one member of the Planning Board for five years. THE POLLS MAY CLOSE AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, p.m.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949, and to issue note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1949.

Article 4. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropri-

ate the sum of $100 for the use of the Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $100.00

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in the care and preservation of shade trees or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $350.00

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $3,500.00

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for tools for highway work, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $100.00

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend:

Selectmen:	
Chairman of Board	$300.00
Second member	300.00
Third member	300.00
Assessors:	
First member	250.00
Second member	250.00
Third member	250.00
Treasurer	650.00
Tax Collector	550.00
Town Clerk	400.00
School Committee:	
Chairman	75.00
Second member	75.00
Third member	75.00
Town Moderator	15.00

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appro-

priate such sums of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other Town charges, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend:

Selectmen's salary	$ 900	Fire Department	$2,000
Selectmen's Expense a/c	150	Maintenance Water Holes	275
Assessors' salary	750	Alexander Hall	175
Assessors' Expense a/c	100	Old Age Assistance	31,000
Treasurer's salary	650	Aid to Dependent Children	6,500
Treasurer's Expense a/c	175	Dept. Public Welfare	4,000
Tax Collector's salary	550	Soldiers' Relief	2,500
Tax Collector's Expense a/c	200	Road Machinery Fund	2,500
Town Clerk's salary	400	(Transfer from Machinery Acct.)	
Town Clerk's Expense a/c	80	Bridges	1,000
School Committee salary	225	Election and Registrations	650
Town Moderator's salary	15	Fire & Casualty Insurance	1,900
Town Accountant's salary	700	Interest Account	300
Town Accountant's Exp. a/c	50	Town Hall Care	4,500
Sealer Weights & Measures	125	Legal Expenses	250
Sealer's Expense a/c	25	Bonds and Damages	500
Public Welfare Clerk	150	Town Clock and Fountain	150
Inspection of Animals	150	Town Reports and Val. Books	1,125
Dog Officer and Expense	150	Snow Removal	5,500
Inspection of Meat and Slaughtering	200	Public Safety	50
Public Health	500	Protection Tax Title Property	25
Schools	68,811	Highway Bounds, Surveys and Plans	100

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $3,675.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this amount to include the fines collected, and the dog tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $3,675.00

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,450.00 for repairs and alterations to the Dickinson Memorial Library, as follows: installation of new plumbing fixtures, additional shelving, improved lighting, and interior decorating on the main floor, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $2,450.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay note due on the new

Grade School building debt or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $4,500.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the extermination of the Gypsy Moth, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $850.00

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint one of their members as Administrator and Clerk for the Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance, and that the salary be $300.00 in accordance with Section 4A, Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend $300.00

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as Clerk of the Board, and that the salary be $500.00 in accordance with Section 4A, Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for same.

The Finance Committee recommend $500.00

Article 17. Te see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of a Public Health Nurse, and Substitute Nurse, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $2,100.00

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Public Health Nurse's expense account, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $50.00

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expense of the Public Health Nurse's car, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $350.00

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $1,075.00

Article 21. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated, available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate $4,875.00 and to transfer $14,625.00 from Surplus Revenue

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate $2,000.00 and to transfer $6,000.00 from Surplus Revenue.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend to raise and appropriate $500.00 and to transfer $1,000.00 from Surplus Revenue

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in putting up railing or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $800.00

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to repair sidewalks, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $100.00

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Constables' pay and expense, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $400.00

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day exercises,

the same to be expended under the joint direction of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $200.00

Article 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for fifteen hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Co. for water supplying the hydrants for fire protection, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $400.00

Article 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to replace the culvert on Pine Meadow Cross Road between the Central Vermont Railroad and Pine Meadow Road, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $550.00

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to be used in the purchase of fish to be liberated in the Town of Northfield under the supervision of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $200.00

Article 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet foreclosure costs on tax titles, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $200.00

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 to be used toward the purchase of a check signer for the use of the Town Treasurer, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend check signer at this time

Article 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used in the purchase of a power lawn mower for the Northfield Farms Cemetery, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $150.00

Article 34. To see if the Town will raise and appro-

priate the sum of $200.00 for the care of the playground and athletic field, this sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $200.00

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Machinery Account to be used in the purchase of a hone to be used on the highways, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $1,000.00

Article 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to refinish the chairs in the auditorium of the Town Hall, the dining room tables and any other furniture which may need such attention, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $600.00

Article 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for completing the surfacing of the road in West Northfield Cemetery, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of $450.00 from the Cemetery Lot Fund

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be expended by the Selectmen with any other funds that may be contributed to the Town, for the purpose of leasing land and constructing and maintaining a community swimming pool and skating rink, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend further study

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to elect a committee of five to investigate the possibility of purchasing the building on the east side of Main Street, known as the Youth Hostel, for the purpose of establishing a Town recreation center, and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to cover the expense of said committee, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend further study

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to change the time of opening the Annual Town Meeting from 10:00 a.m., the first Monday in February, to 8:00 p.m., the first Monday, to become effective in 1950, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 41. To see whether or not the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to make the Town Hall available to the Posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on a rent-free basis at reasonable times and occasions, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee to ascertain the advisability and expense of having the taxable property in the town evaluated by persons outside the Town once every ten years, beginning in 1950. The committee is to be composed of seven persons, namely, the Selectmen, the Assessors, the Town Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, said Committee to report at a special meeting of the Town to be called on the first Monday in June, 1949, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for painting the honor roll, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $100.00

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to discharge any committee formerly appointed and known as "The World War Memorial School Building Plans Committee," and authorize the appointment of a new committee to investigate the possible need for new classroom facilities as well as to continue the investigation of the desirability of the construction of the proposed Memorial Gymnasium, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $190.00 for the purpose of installing additional radiators in the Town Hall, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $190.00

Article 46. To see if the Town will raise and appro-

priate a sum of money to be used in making necessary repairs on discontinued school buildings, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $100.00

Article 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain a street light on North Lane between the residences of Miss Mabel Boak and Wallace Stange, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $21.00 for one light

Article 48. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect and maintain a street light at the intersection of Ferry Road and River Road, near the residence of C. Rupert Luey, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $21.00 for one light

Article 49. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a reserve fund for the current year, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend the transfer of $2,500.00 From Overlay Reserve

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Surplus Revenue to reduce the tax rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommend $20,000.00

Article 51. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of constructing a new cement sidewalk on the east side of Main Street, continuing northward from the 1948 construction, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $1,000.00

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to accept from the American Youth Hostels, Inc., the sum of $22.80, the same to be added by the Assessors to estimated receipts and available funds when setting the tax rate, or act thereon.

Article 53. To see if the Town will authorize or empower the Selectmen to appoint a trustee of the Martha W.

Alexander Fund to take the place of the late Maude M. Montague, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 54. To hear the report of the committee to investigate plans for a new fire house, and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 55. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Fire House Committee to further investigate sites and plans for a new fire house, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The Finance Committee recommend $100.00

Article 56. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to plans for a Town Garage and take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $200.00 from Lewis Hodous as a trust fund, the interest thereof to be used for perpetual care of lot No. 31, in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, at the School House in District No. 6, and the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-nine.

ERNEST A. PARKER,

GEORGE W. CARR,

GEORGE H. SHELDON,

Selectmen of Northfield.

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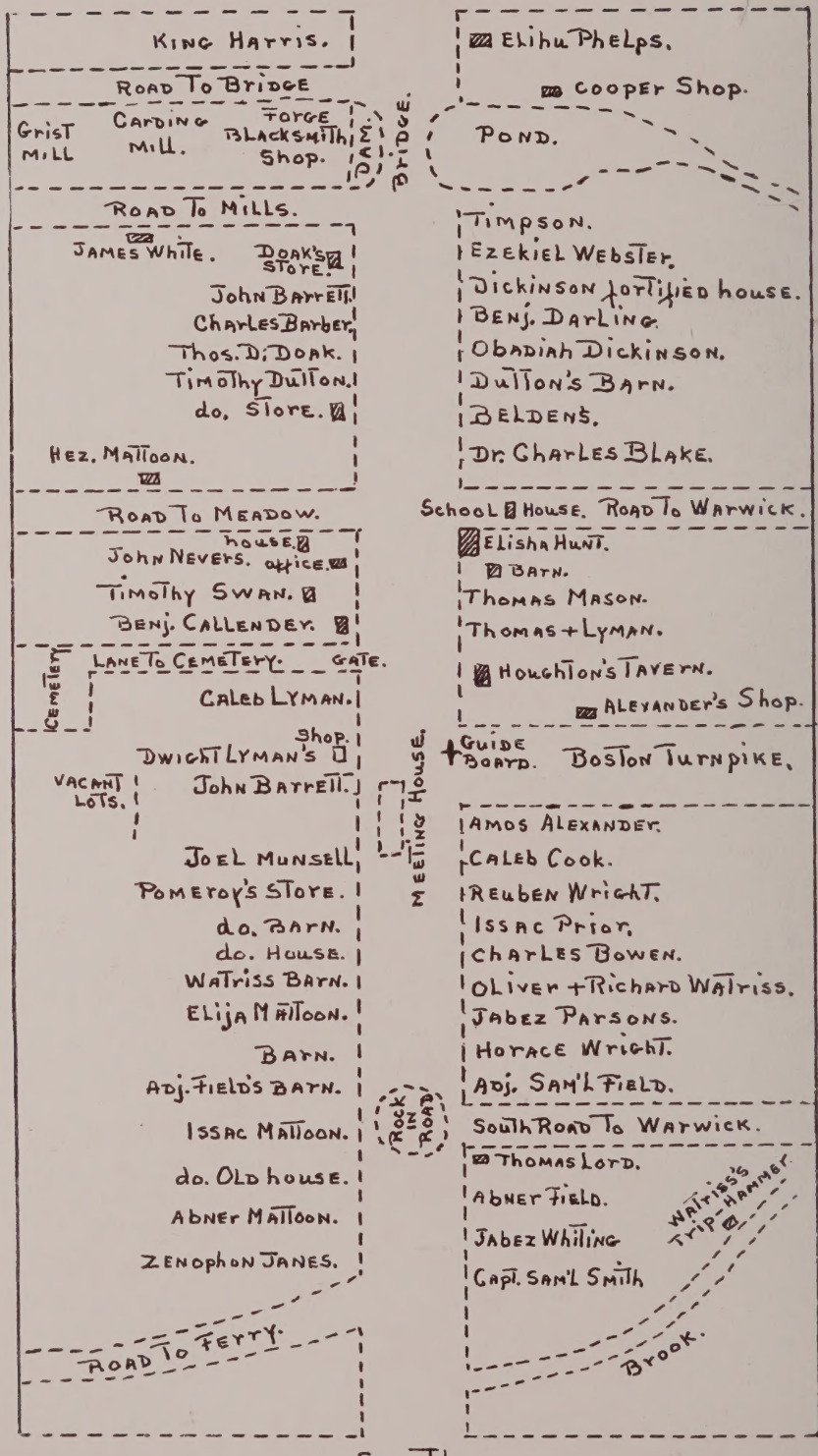

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